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The *Warrandyte Diary* was established in 1970 as a small local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it has retained its strong community character, being produced mostly by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community. Financed solely through advertising, it guards its not-for-profit, non-commercial status and its independent voice. The *Diary* carries a strong editorial bias towards the people, environment and character of the place it serves. Its monthly circulation is 4000 copies and it is available in Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park, Warranwood, North Ringwood, Kangaroo Ground and Research.

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OVER THE HILLS By **JOCK MACNEISH**

"Your father and I have put your name down for Warrandyte when you grow up."

Wiggle out of that one, Nev!

WORK. It's one of those words. The more you say it the uglier it sounds. Maybe they should get rid of the *erk!* bit. Make it *weeek!* or *wohboy!* Because as it is it just makes you feel depressed. Makes your shoulders slump. Makes your stomach produce small noises that sound for all the world like life going down a gully trap.

It sure depressed Neville. Which is why he was browsing the Jobs columns in the idle hope of finding a better one than he had now. Preferably one that didn't have customers. And a boss who called you Neil.

He started with the Professional section but nothing seemed to jump out. How could he be an Accounts Payable Manager for someone else when he couldn't manage his own? Did he have the core competency of a Buzzwords Development Consultant? Did VCE Legal Studies qualify him to be a Barista?

He turned to Situations Vacant and scanned upwards from the bottom: Wrestler. Wrangler. Wombat Weeder. Wigfitter. Wiggle. Waiter. Wait... Wiggle? Neville's finger twitched and ran back down the list. It was true. "Willaby Wallaby Wool!" sang Neville, they were looking for a new Wiggle! There it was in black and white, red, yellow and purple. *Wiggle Required. Flexible finger joints essential.*

Suddenly it seemed that everything he'd ever done was for a reason. The days of wearing skivvies under his corduroy jacket. The years singing Doctor Knickerbocker over and over till Jasper fell



living with The Trotts

asleep. His time with *The Dingley Delltones* who still said he was the best drummer they ever had. His secret fantasies about Dorothy the Dinosaur—well let's not go into that now.

And what about when he filled in as the clown at his nephew's birthday party? Remember how they laughed as his balloon animals burst, or flew from his fingers making vulgar noises. How they chased him round the backyard with sticks shouting "Kill Mr Poobum! Kill Mr Poobum!" Till the birthday boy caught

up with him and kicked him in the one part of a clown that isn't funny.

And now it was all about to change. Now he'd be touring Australia in a big red car, wagging his fingers from posters all around the world. Kids would stop him in IGA for his autograph as their mothers giggled cooly in the background.

Making sure there was no one else in the room, Neville jumped to his feet and wiggled his way through a medley of *Hot Potato*, *Wake Up Jeff* and *Too Toot Chugga Chugga Big Red Car*. Or most of the way through before his knee gave out.

"You're no bloody Wiggle, I'll tell you that for nothing,"

said Narelle, coming into the room half way between *Too Toot Chugga Chugga* and collapsing onto the couch with the stitch.

"But I could be," protested Neville. "There's an ad here in the paper and I'm going to apply. I know it's a long shot but I have to try. You've watched *The Voice*. You have to want it more than anything in the whole world, and if you do want it, really want it, it can come true. And I want it. I really want it."

You half expected Marcia Hines to jump up from behind the goldfish bowl and shout "You go Girlfriend!"

"Where did you get that paper?" asked Narelle.

Neville wiggle-fingered towards the couch.

"The one that was under the washing machine to stop it jiggling? I pulled it out this morning when the bathmat got tangled in the pulsator and the water overflowed."

Neville's eyes shot to the blurry date in the soggy top corner and he felt Captain Featherstone's sword plunge deep into his stomach. March 14, 2012. The chance of a lifetime had come and gone and he hadn't even known it. Hadn't even known he wanted it. Really wanted it.

He didn't even notice when Narelle picked up that morning's classifieds from the coffee table on her way back to the laundry and jammed it under the corner of the washing machine. He just wrapped his arms round his knees and rocked, backwards and forwards. And never saw the ad that read, "Status Quo Australian Tour. Drummer Wanted."

ALAN CORNELL

When fire strikes



Elvis comes to the rescue at the Kangaroo Ground Road fire on January 11. (Picture by MATT KILKENNY)

By MICHELLE PINI

Just six weeks on from the Kangaroo Ground blaze, described as the "most significant fire in this area since 1991," local CFA captains want to know if anyone is paying attention.

Although there's been little local fire activity, Warrandyte brigades have been actively involved further afield at other fire fronts including Arthurs Creek and Donnybrook. The latter, which reached the northern metropolitan suburb of Epping, burned over 2000 hectares in less than three hours.

This seems to have had some impact on people's awareness according to North Warrandyte CFA captain Rohan Thornton, who believes that there have been "more questions from the community and a renewed level of concern". He is quick to point out, however, that summer isn't over and many people still don't have a fire plan.

It's not a question of if but when a bushfire impacts Warrandyte, according to South Warrandyte captain Greg Kennedy, who urges: "Get a plan! Don't wait until there's a fire in your street. People need to prepare their properties, prepare themselves and pay attention."

"A plan is not a plan until it's written down—if it's in your head, it's just an intention."

A Stony Creek Road resident agrees with this view and shared her experience on the day of the recent Kangaroo Ground blaze with the *Diary*:

"We had left early as it was a high fire danger day but returned around 5pm to prepare the evening meal and get the kids settled. We did not have a written plan and I didn't check the CFA website or my emails—which contained a notice from local fire

phone tree group.

"I was unaware of any fire activity until I went inside and found a phone message from a friend telling me a fire in Kangaroo Ground Road had escalated. I always thought that planning to leave early would be enough. Our keepsakes were packed and ready but when I got the call, I panicked and left everything.

"My husband was still at work and I just couldn't think straight. I managed to get the kids and dog into the car but when I got to the end of our street, I found a traffic jam and, unlike the usual Warrandyte traffic etiquette, no one was letting anyone in. It was extremely stressful and the fire hadn't even reached Warrandyte," she said.

Local CFA captains want to see everyone implement plans to deal with unexpected contingencies such as family members at different locations, traffic issues and details such as who is responsible for bringing hard drives, photos or pets. They say a penned fire plan is the only way to galvanise actions in people's minds and provide a clear process to follow when leaving early is unfeasible.

Both CFA captains applauded the Be Ready Warrandyte program's recent video release, *Do you have a fire plan?* which is a satirical look at the fundamental difficulties in the absence of a bushfire plan. They say they hope the video, in conjunction with recent fire activity, brings home the importance of fire preparedness. The Be Ready Warrandyte's recent survey does not seem to reflect this, however, with only 10 per cent of Warrandyte households indicating having documented bushfire plans.

● The survey results are accessible on WCA website, www.warrandyte.org.au.

Familiar faces star in 'Do you have a fire plan?'



Light-hearted video hits home hard

A new light-hearted video on bushfire planning with a serious message has been praised by emergency service officials.

"Do you have a fire plan?" was produced by the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) and the Warrandyte Theatre Company, as part of a program of six activities designed

to raise awareness of the vital importance of bushfire planning.

"Well-known local identities from the Follies and other Warrandyte theatre shows parody the half-baked plans many of us have without having really thought them through," WCA president Dick Davies said.

Their humour is followed by a very serious message from Greg Kennedy, a local CFA captain.

Deputy chief officer of the CFA, Steve Warrington, said "Do you have a fire plan?" was a great video with a powerful message.

CFA has distributed WCA's video throughout the state on the CFA website.

Mr Davies said many people who say they have a survival plan actually have no idea what to do if something unexpected happens during a bushfire threat.

"This new bushfire planning video will complement the conventional message from the CFA through meetings, Community Fire Guard and literature," he

said.

"Rather than continue preaching to the converted, WCA decided to try something different. We are hoping that humour will cut through where other messages may have failed."

A sample fire plan tailored for Warrandyte is also available on the WCA website.

An online app combining local fire warnings from CFA, BoM and VicRoads sites is one of other products being developed. Other bushfire preparedness activities are underway.

● You can view the video on the Be Ready Warrandyte website www.warrandyte.org.au/fire

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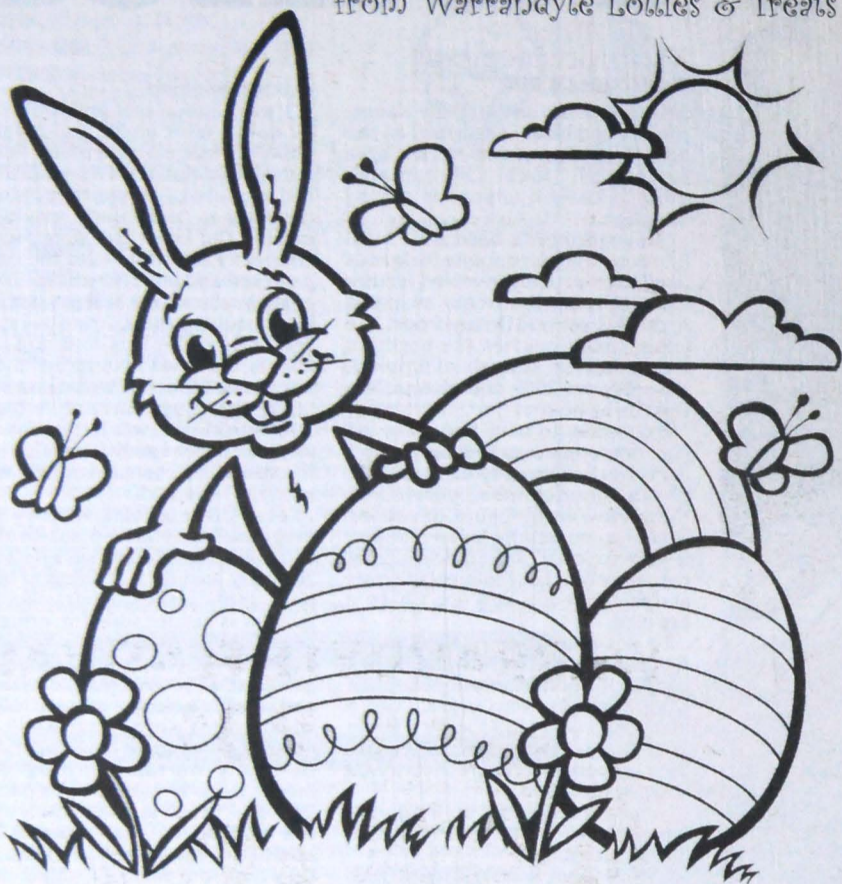
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She topped it off for Albert

The ambiguity of the English language.

A shy, up-and-coming Warrandyte artist thought all his Christmases had come at once on Australia Day.

He wanted to photograph one of his Rotary Club Art Show entries alongside a shiny car that complemented his "Picasso-like" painting of a lady (pictured).

Being a considerate and

dear diary

thoughtful person, he thought it would be best to locate the owner to obtain permission.

Having located the owner he was flabbergasted when the pretty young lady looked at him directly and remarked: "Do you want me to take my

top off?"

The ladies reading this would already have guessed that reference was being made to a convertible car with a removable retractable roof.

I don't know what the blokes were thinking. It generally takes us longer to grasp the situation.

Albert Mijat
Beauty Gully Road

With Julie's help they aided CFA

On behalf of the North Warrandyte CFA, we would like to pass on our thanks to Julie Quinton and her team at Quinton's IGA Warrandyte for setting up, supporting and helping to ensure that the inaugural North Warrandyte CFA barbecue, held at Quinton's IGA on Saturday, February 2 was a resounding success.

All the volunteers who spent the day sizzling sausages were humbled by the overall support from the community (and IGA staff) with their very generous donations and praise for

the CFA and their amazing work. We're happy to announce that over \$1000 was raised, so thank you all.

Congratulations to the three raffle prize winners and we'll see you ready for the next North Warrandyte CFA barbecue on Saturday, May 11!

Suzanne Reid
North Warrandyte
CFA Auxiliary

THE FALL OF THE ROMAN UMPIRE

Local actor Dennis Coard is bringing his one-man autobiographical show, *The Fall of the Roman Umpire*, to Nillumbik.

Date: Saturday 16 March, 7pm
Venue: Eltham Performing Arts Centre, 1603 Main Road, Research
Tickets: \$10 or 4 for \$35. Proceeds will fund workshops with Dennis Coard for Nillumbik's Glee Club.

Book online at <http://trybooking.com/cjen> or call 9433 3345. *Dennis gives his personal guarantee... "If you don't laugh, you get your money back!"*

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Time: 11.30am-12.30pm
Cost: Free (morning tea provided)
Venue: Diamond Valley Library
Bookings: 9433 3500
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2013 Nillumbik Ekphrasid Poetry Award opens 8 March

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The exhibition will be launched at the Civic Centre at 6pm, Friday 8 March. Free entry.

Entries close 15 April.

This year the Award will explore 'rhizomata', the four elements of earth, water, air and fire, as defined by the fifth century BC Greek philosopher and poet, Empedocles.

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2013 NILLUMBIK PRIZE NOW OPEN

Entries for the 2013 Nillumbik Prize are now open.

The Nillumbik Prize is one of the oldest community art shows in Victoria. It celebrates artists and their works from the Nillumbik region and promotes excellence in any medium. Presented by in partnership between Nillumbik Shire Council and Montsalvat. For details visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts.

LATEST FROM THE FESTIVAL FRONT



Ceremony for Wurundjeri memories at Pound Bend

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

An historical community partnership event has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 23, as part of the Warrandyte Festival.

Two bronze plaques will be unveiled to commemorate the last great inter-tribal corroboree hosted by the Wurundjeri people in the Pound Bend area of Warrandyte in 1852.

The ceremonial unveiling of both plaques is a joint effort of the Wurundjeri Tribal Council, Reconciliation Manningham and Nillumbik Reconciliation Group.

Last year, a Welcome to Country by a Wurundjeri Elder was included as part of the opening of the Warrandyte Festival.

Audiences gathered at Stiggants Reserve to watch a smoke/gum leaf ceremony and hear traditional story telling of the beginnings of Warrandyte and the Yarra River.

Much enjoyed by festivalgoers, the Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony have been scheduled again this year at noon on the Main Stage.

The historical plaque unveiling ceremony will take place later at two separate sites, marking the boundaries of the 1908-acre Aboriginal

Reserve that covered both sides of the Yarra.

Joy Dahl for Reconciliation Manningham spoke to the *Diary* about this significant event.

"The unveilings will be a great opportunity for locals who don't already have that knowledge, to learn about some of Warrandyte's early Aboriginal history.

"Back in 1852, a great corroboree of the Kulin nation was held at Pound Bend. Many traditional games were played as part of the two-week long festivities, which essentially represented a windup of Wurrundjeri living freely on their traditional land," Ms Dahl said.

She explained that the 1852 corroboree was a "symbolic act" by headman of the Wurundjeri, Simon Wonga, in the face of changing times. Described by historians as "visionary", Wonga was determined to set up an economic base by which his people could prosper, however it took him another decade to secure a grant of land for this purpose. Wonga and first cousin William Barak, who succeeded him as headman, finally led their people to take up a land grant at Coranderk in Healesville, in 1863.

The unveiling of the "south side" plaque by Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Bill Nicholson will take place at 1.30pm at the Taroona Avenue/Everard Drive car park entrance to Stiggants Reserve (Melway ref: 23 C9).

The second unveiling, on the north side of the Yarra will follow at 2.30pm and will be conducted by Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Di Kerr.

"We invite adults and children to come and be part of this commemoration, and witness a new moment in Warrandyte Wurundjeri history," Ms Dahl said. "The ceremony will be attended by traditional dancers, enriched by knowledgeable storytelling."

To take part in the second scheduled unveiling, participants will need to go by car. This site is located in North Warrandyte, at the river end of The Boulevard, off Warrandyte Research Road, at the confluence of Stony Creek and the Yarra. A car park is next to the unveiling site (Melway ref: 23 C12).

● Reconciliation Manningham and Nillumbik Reconciliation Group will also have an information display amongst the stalls situated on Stiggants lower riverbank, during festival weekend.

Note these Festival Weekend road closures

Yarra Street—Saturday March 23 for the Street Parade:

The Section of Yarra Street between the Kangaroo Ground Road Bridge and Trezise Street will be closed to traffic from 10.30am until noon.

Vehicles travelling over the bridge from North Warrandyte will be directed east towards Ringwood, and vehicles wishing to continue their journey west should do so via Falconer Road.

Streets that intersect with Yarra Street between the bridge and Trezise Street will be impacted. Suggested alternative routes bypassing Warrandyte include: Beauty

Gully Road, Knees Road, Falconer Road or Gold Memorial Road, and Hussey's Lane.

Emergency services personnel at control points will provide information on road closures, recommend detours and permit access to local residents where necessary.

Buses will not run along Yarra Street during this time.

Stiggant Street:

All day Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2013, Stiggant Street will be closed to traffic for the weekend—with the exception of residents, St Stephen's church attendees and vehicles with an accessibility parking permit.

WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL 2013



Celebrating Friends and Neighbours

'Weed My Garden' raffle

Due to popular demand the Friends of North Warrandyte are again running their raffle to be drawn at the Warrandyte Festival on Sunday, March 24 at 3pm. First prize in the raffle is for the winner to receive a visit from the Stony Creek squad.

"We will come to your home and weed your garden, help identify your existing native flora, and plant indigenous Warrandyte plants grown in their own nursery," Friends spokesperson Renelle Trayford told the *Diary*. "Second prize is six bottles of locally produced Ridgeback Wine and third prize is a beautiful handmade basket full of local plants."

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

"If you wish to purchase a ticket in this most sort-after raffle come and find us at the festival. We will have a stall on both days with some local plants to purchase as well.

"FONW was started over seven years ago in order to deal with the years of neglected weeds in North Warrandyte's Stony Creek, and has since sprouted over 70 members, a plant nursery, trailer and tool library and a very strong social network," Ms Trayford said.

● Information about the group can be found at <http://www.FONW.org.au>, or email SCYRG@hotmail.com. New members are always welcome.

Fantasy Follies feature fab fun

Fantasy will rule at the latest Festival Follies, for 30 years a major feature of the Warrandyte Village Festival.

"Written, produced, directed

and acted entirely by local people, this show is unique to Warrandyte," first-time co-director Lisa Upson told the *Diary*. "The cast and crew will take you on a

fantastical journey.

"Trolls, vampires, fairies, hobbits, ogres and princesses—we have them all. You will be transported to the enchanted forest, with maybe a stopover in 50 Shades of Grey, a quick visit to the Hundred Acre Wood and a narrow escape from Westeros.

"As always, there will be plenty of singing and dancing and lots of whole cast, show-stopping numbers," Ms Upson said.

"So come in search of The Ring with Bilbo and Gollum, see the Three Little Pigs find suitable insurance from a wheezy wolf and help the vampires find their perfect house in Blair Street."

Fantasy Follies will be presented at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue on March 21, 22, 23, April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13.

Seating is cabaret style and patrons are encouraged to bring drinks and nibbles. Tickets \$22 and \$20 concession.

● Make a night of it and book a table for 10 through <http://www.trybooking.com/CILZ>.



Whoopie! Fantasy Follies in rehearsal.



Friends: Leon Grinzpan and Ben Trayford promoting FONW at last year's festival.

Art prizes at Festival

Warrandyte Festival organisers are offering artists the opportunity to work within the festival locality to produce a piece that "captures the spirit of the festival and the natural beauty of Warrandyte".

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded from the Main Stage on Sunday, March 24 at 7pm. Registration deadline is Friday, March 22.

● For details go to www.warrandytefestival.org or to register directly, email artprize@warrandytefestival.org.



The true tale of a wandering echidna...

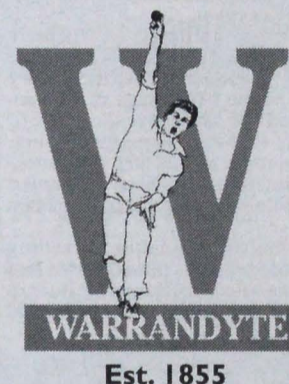
Thirsty work: What do you do when you're hanging out for a drink? Why, you waddle across to your neighbour's house, waddle down the steps, quench your thirst and waddle back up. This echidna has been visiting Jacqui and Mal Ward's house regularly over the last few months—probably looking for water during the current drought.

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Melbourne Hill ready for battle

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

A group of Warrandyte residents have declared they will fight Manningham council's \$1.9 million proposal to install drains and kerb-and-channel in part of the Melbourne Hill Road catchment.

Residents said the cost, lack of consultation and fears the proposal would ruin the amenity of the area are among their reasons for opposing the drainage plan.

Council hopes to recover \$900,000 from residents. This would affect residents in nearby streets, including Lorraine Avenue and Drysdale Road.

Lorraine Avenue resident Peter Hookey said the majority of residents felt the proposal was excessive.

"It's an overkill and there is absolutely no need to touch Lorraine Avenue," he said. "We have people who have been living here for 50 years and they're walking around so upset and so disappointed it has come to this, and I have never seen them like that before."

Council engineers said drains were needed to significantly reduce the risk of flooding for houses at the bottom of the hill. Six houses were flooded in the downpour of 2011, causing thousands of dollars damage to properties at the bottom of the catchment.

Many residents say the proposal's price tag, which council estimated would be between \$5000 and \$15,000 per household, is too high.

Council's chief executive officer, Joe Carbone, said council had already increased its contribution to the project. He also said it was likely council would offer loans to residents with quarterly instalments over 10 years.

However, Drysdale Road pensioners Carole and Alf Adins said they couldn't afford to pay back a loan.

"Why should residents have to take out a loan and pay interest? As pensioners, that hits us hard," Carole said.

"We can't afford to pay off a loan, not on what we get and especially not after paying for roads and drainage previously."

The couple said they had also installed water tanks to collect excess water that would otherwise run down into the catchment, and felt other residents should do the same.

A number of residents told the *Diary* they had rarely seen council doing maintenance work on the open drains, which are full of leaf litter and debris.

They said council should focus on regularly clearing debris and building culverts beneath driveways to a standard diameter before considering the current proposal.

However, Mr Carbone said council did try maintaining the catchment and had run out of options to continue maintenance works on a system that had inadequate existing infrastructure.

"Modifications to improve the capacity of the open drains would likely result in excessively deep channels close to roads which then pose a hazard to motorists," he said.

Mr Hookey said he sympathised with households at risk of flooding, but felt others shouldn't have to pay for mistakes council made decades ago.

"There are two houses in Melbourne Hill Road which were built on an old dam and the council back then allowed these properties to be built along a natural watercourse without proper follow-up," he said.

Former councillor David Ellis from the Warrandyte Community Association said the association would monitor the situation closely to ensure the interests of the Warrandyte community are taken into account.

Residents have received survey forms and council will consider community opinion at its March meeting.

Join in: No more plastic bags!

"The next stage of the 'No Plastic Bags in Warrandyte' campaign kicks in on March 23," WarrandyteCAN activist Emma Edmonds told the *Diary*.

"From then a number of stores will no longer give plastic carry bags away for free, instead asking customers to bring their own bags and charging 10 cents for plastic bags."

This charge only applies to checkout bags, not small plastic bags.

"Other shops are switching to paper and again asking shoppers to bring their own bags," Ms Edmonds said.

All profits from the supermarket's 10c fee will go to

the three Warrandyte CFAs.

"To make this transition easier," Ms Edmonds said, "free reusable jute bags will be distributed, along with plenty of leaflets and posters to jog your memory and even hotel style doorknob hangers to put on the main exit door to remind you to take bags as you leave home."

"All these initiatives aim to make it as easy as possible to make the change to always having a reusable bag handy."

Reusable: WarrandyteCAN's Emma Edmonds demonstrates the free, reusable jute bag.



Clyde's Conundrum

Bernie Bustle from Bradleys Lane was born in March. His birthday is in May. He was born before his father. He married his mother. Why is it so?

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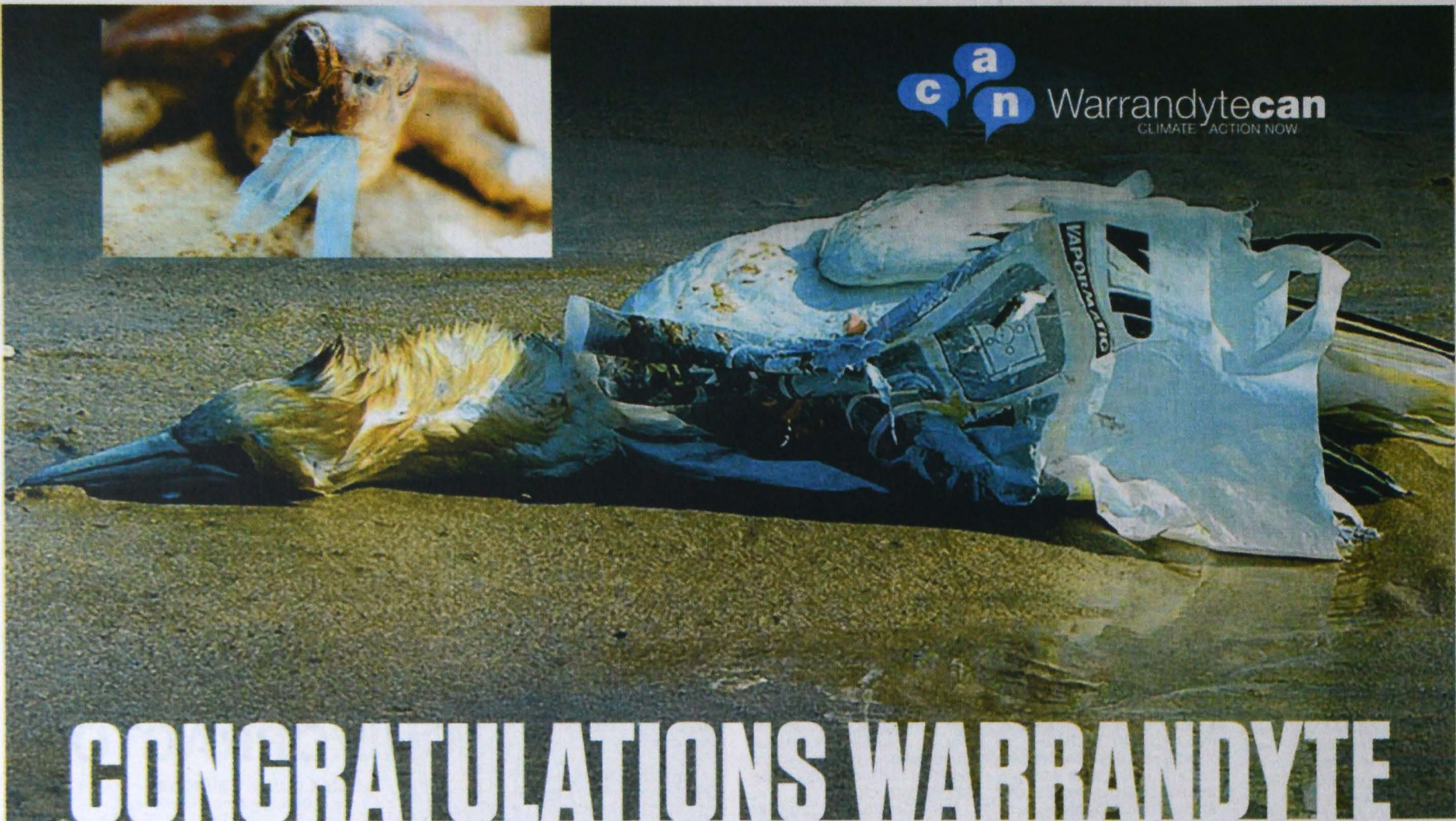
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A 10c per bag fee will apply to plastic carry bags from March 23 to help Warrandyte become Plastic Carry Bag free, which is in keeping with successful moves in other countries. All profits from the purchase of plastic bags at Quinton's will be donated to Warrandyte's 3 CFA's.



People Power: In August last year, local residents protested at Warrandyte Bridge against government zoning plans. (Picture by Wayne Rankin)

Zoning future looks brighter

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

As the *Diary* goes to print, sweeping reforms to the state's residential planning zones are being finalised, with implementation due to commence in a matter of months.

State government has reported that 2000 submissions were received state-wide as part of their consultation on proposed planning reforms late last year.

The Warrandyte Community Association lodged a submission containing over 300 written objections from concerned residents.

"The Coalition government's reforms to residential zones reflect what communities have been calling for, for many years—certainty for neighbourhoods and protection from inappropriate development," planning minister

Matthew Guy said.

Minister Guy claims the reforms will protect streetscapes, amenity and liveability.

"At the same time the new zones will clearly define the appropriate locations where growth and density should occur," Mr Guy said.

The government's Ministerial Advisory Council (MAC) on zone reform has suggested a number of improvements to the residential zones as initially proposed in 2012; a move they say will ensure the protection of community amenity and provide clearer rules and greater certainty for the community.

"The improvements recommended by the MAC further protect residential amenity and neighbourhood character and are supported by the coalition government," Mr Guy said.

Importantly for Warrandyte, the MAC has reported that all existing Bushfire Management Overlays would be upheld and would trump any changes to zones, making specific reference to Warrandyte.

"For example in some parts of Warrandyte, where the risk from bushfire is significant, an application for subdivision or a new dwelling on a lot of 0.4 hectares or greater would not comply with the requirements of the Bushfire Management Overlay," the report states.

State government claims the new Neighbourhood Residential Zone will provide the strongest protections for local neighbourhood character for the first time in Victoria's planning history.

"Local communities will now know and clearly understand where growth can and will occur" Mr Guy said.

Late last year, local MP Ryan Smith told the *Diary* that by placing greater planning controls in the hands of local government, there will be a shift away from a "cookie-cutter approach" to planning.

"Importantly, these zones will be at the discretion of local council and it will predominantly be the view of the local community that informs which zone should be applied where", Minister Guy said.

Mr Smith has advised that submissions will be made available online after all zones, not just residential, have been finalised.

"It is my intention to convey the outcomes of the planning proposals to my community as they come to hand," he said.

A full report on the planning reforms will be published in the April edition of the *Diary*.

High School student takes bank prize

North Warrandyte student, Gabrielle Mitchell's tertiary education is a step closer thanks to the Warrandyte Community Bank 2013 Scholarship.

The scholarship was available to first-time tertiary students who faced challenges in furthering their studies—which may have meant a university degree—was out of their reach. This is the second time the scholarship has been offered.

Community Bank chairman, Sarah Wrigley, said she was thrilled to offer Miss Mitchell the chance to further her education. "There are many students in the Warrandyte area who have big dreams for their careers, but for some of them, not having financial support may mean that this



Grateful: Bank manager Mark Challen, chairman Sarah Wrigley, scholarship winner Gabrielle Mitchell and WHS principal Stephen Parkin.

dream may not happen," Ms Wrigley said.

"This scholarship program means young people have the chance to follow their dreams, which will have a positive impact for our community, and we're so pleased we can offer this program for a second year."

Warrandyte High School principal Stephen Parkin said the scholarship program creates fantastic opportunities for students and thanked the

bank for all it does for the school and the Warrandyte community.

"Gabrielle is very deserving of a scholarship and we wish her all the best of luck as she begins an exciting journey toward achieving her career goals," he said.

Gabrielle said the scholarship has meant the difference to starting her studies in Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne. "This scholarship opens doors

for me that would otherwise be closed and relieves any financial worry of funding my education."

"I'm very grateful to the Community Bank for creating this opportunity for me," she said.

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Bird-lovers: Pictured are locals Abbey, 9, and Ollie Perkins, 5, hard at work in Harris Gully Road earlier this month with Mango the Cockatiel lending a hand. The pair decided to raise money for endangered bird species and manned a stall for an entire weekend selling muffins and lemonade they made themselves. (Pictures by Claire Pini)

Food, wine and great company

One of Warrandyte's oldest but least known organisations—the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club—is still very much alive and is seeking new members

The Warrandyte Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was first formed in the early 1960s

when half a dozen like-minded men got together to taste wine of good quality with a meal.

The first few presidents were Warrandyte residents: D. Robertson (in 1962), J. Hook (1963), J. Wright (1964), and J. Vella (in 1965).

On August 20, 1963 they were admitted to the Australia-wide Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Association and have the charter number 45.

"They met on the second Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant and this tradition continues today," spokes-

person Jas Spurrell told the *Diary*.

"The club was men only until the late 1990s when women were admitted as members. In 1996 Liz Wood, a local resident, was elected first female president of the club. Liz has been the secretary/treasurer for many years and is a point of contact for the club.

"We now have equal numbers of male and females in the club with members assisting the committee to organise the meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of every month except January. Cost of the meeting is \$85 a head which includes food and wine."

There is an annual fee of \$50, used to subsidise various more expensive venues. Elections are held yearly for selection of president, treasurer, secretary and committee members.

"Where possible we hold the meetings in the local Warrandyte area, Ms Spurrell said. "The club has visited Thyme on the Terrace, Vanilla Orchid, Bolero's and Mercers to name a few.

"We have also visited various restaurants in the city, as well as a progressive dinner at Southbank, where we went to a different restaurant for each course.

"We are always on the lookout for new members and this is a great opportunity to improve your appreciation of good food and good wine," Ms Spurrell said.

● If you are interested in joining this fun group or coming along as a guest to see for yourself, contact Liz on 9844 2459 or email lizwood@westnet.com.au.



In session: The Warrandyte Beefsteak and Burgundy Club enjoys another meeting at Thyme on the Terrace.

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Lions launch world-wide membership drive

The Lions Club of Warrandyte is joining in a worldwide membership drive being instigated by Lions International.

The Lions have been hard at work in Warrandyte for 40 years—since October 1972.

However, they work quietly and without fanfare.

“Perhaps many locals only know us through our hot food stall at the Festival or our involvement with the Warrandyte Market each month,” president David Dobbs told the *Diary*.

“Most people know we run the Lions Opportunity Shop, providing income for our Warrandyte Youth of the Year Quest, vision and hearing tests for local kids and the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, recognising Warrandyte’s art heritage.

“We run ‘In The Driver’s Seat’, which is a day for the vision-impaired, enabling them to drive a car around the Sandown circuit,” Mr Dobbs said.

Some years the local Lions run a debutante ball for local secondary students “and every year we take a bunch of kids with cancer away to Eildon for a watersports weekend.

“We run the Warrandyte Youth of the Year Quest, the vision and hearing testing of our local school kids in their early years and the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award in recognition of Warrandyte’s past connections with the arts.

“In partnership with Vermont Lions, we run a charity golf day which currently supports the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre. We also support disadvantaged kids to go to Licola, the Lions township. In addition we help those less fortunate than ourselves whether through sickness, disability or hardship by giving help when and where it’s needed.”

Warrandyte Lions performed a sterling effort during the Black Saturday bushfire disaster, gathering truckloads of emergency clothing and other goods, raising money



and rebuilding fencing destroyed by the fire.

“The club might receive sponsorship for some of our projects but other than that we do it on our

own,” Mr Dobbs said. “Needless to say, our members do this without charge to the club and that brings me to the crux of our problem. We do not really have enough active

members to maintain the things we do. We have 35 members, and ironically about half of them don’t live in Warrandyte.

“Other nearby clubs such as Templestowe and Doncaster no longer have Lions clubs and we are determined this will not happen in Warrandyte.

“As well as looking to attract younger members, we need to interest older people in the community. These people have a lifetime of experience behind them. Everyone has something to contribute.

“Men and women can enjoy the huge satisfaction and joy of contributing to the lives of others and in the process having fun, meeting marvelous people and making friends.”

● All membership enquiries should be addressed to membership director, Jenni Dean, or speak to a Lion at the Market, the Festival or the Op Shop or by visiting www.lionsclub-warrandyte.org.au.

WCA talks to council

Bushfires, drainage, the Warrandyte Community Centre, planning and road safety for kids crossing roads were raised in a meeting between Manningham councillors and officers and the Warrandyte Community Association early last month.

WCA president, Dick Davies, said that the association was very pleased with the professional way councillors and officers handled these six-monthly meetings, which he described as an opportunity to explore issues of importance to both.

“None is more pressing than raising the level of awareness for fire planning, given the recent Kangaroo Ground fire less than four kilometres from the Bridge,” Mr Davies said.

“The ‘Be Ready Warrandyte’ fire plan campaign is going well having completed a Bushfire Survey Findings report.

“A video produced with the Warrandyte Theatre Company promotes fire planning. The video and a ‘typical’ fire plan, tailored for Warrandyte, is available on the website www.warrandyte.org.au.”

Several other activities are planned. Potential funding beyond August 2013, when the current grant runs out, was also discussed.

The Be Ready Warrandyte project is funded by a Victorian Government Fire Ready Communities Grant to the WCA from the Department of Planning and Community Development, and supplemented by funds from Manningham and Nillumbik councils, Warrandyte Community Bank and the Community Market Committee.

Council briefed on the proposed special drainage charge scheme for the Melbourne Hill Road area.

“WCA’s understanding is

that this is just the beginning of a process to develop a response to prepare for projected increased flood severity,” Mr Davies said.

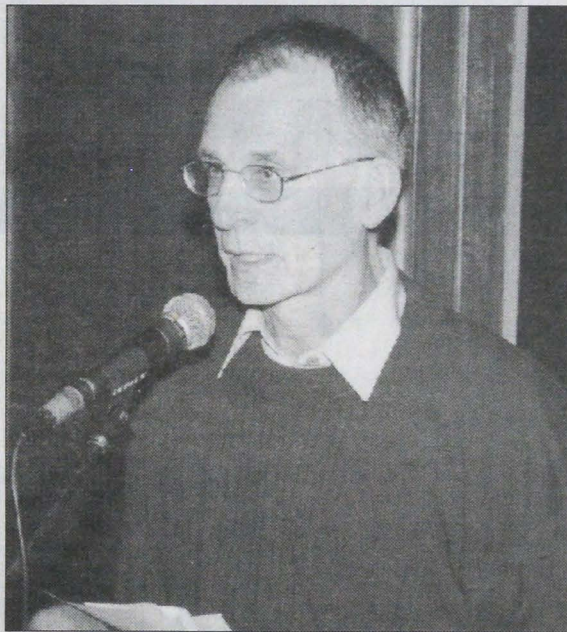
Council advised that the community will be properly consulted and advised at every step of the planning process including on issues of environmental appearance and amenity. WCA will be informed of all further developments. Former councillor David Ellis is handling this issue for WCA, which is acting as a communication channel and conduit to Manningham council.

The draft management plan for the Warrandyte Community Centre refurbishment is completed and will be distributed. Three meetings are planned by the end of July. A reference group will be formed which includes WCA. The first meeting is on March 19.

Plaques commemorating notable contributors to the original centre have been restored and will be reinstated. WCA underlined the desirability of having storage space for community groups to store gazebos, banners, filing cabinets, display boards and similar items.

Dick Davies thanked council for their proactive role of informing the community about the recent planning zone proposals from the Department of Planning and Community Development and for the high quality submission that council produced in very limited time. There had been no further communication from the department.

“The planning proposal for a United Petrol Station on Yarra Street is on hold as the applicant has ‘stopped the



WCA president Dick Davies

clock’ and a VicRoads report is awaited,” Mr Davies said.

Mothers are concerned about children crossing Warrandyte roads at the Webb Street bus stop and at Taroon Avenue.

Whilst an option for a pedestrian refuge has been budgeted at the Taroon Avenue intersection, council has measured the pedestrian flow at Webb Street and claims the volume is not high enough at present to justify traffic lights, especially as the other crossing is nearby. However, the count can be repeated after the Community Centre reopens when volume is expected to increase. Alternatively a speed limit reduction to 40kph could be requested.

Melbourne Water held an onsite meeting at the Old Dairy site on the riverbank. These buildings are derelict but are of heritage interest. The preferred option is to safely remove the bulk of

structures but retain some heritage features. Council preference is that the land be transferred from Melbourne Water to council at no cost. A deadline has been set for the end of November for the completion of community consultation and plans.

Council agreed to review rubbish disposal in the parks. They have already installed larger dog litterbins, which tend to be filled with general rubbish.

“Rubbish is overflowing following the monthly community market,” Mr Davies said. WCA suggested more frequent emptying or larger skips is required.

Council policy on the shared path along the riverbank currently allows pedestrians, bicycles, dogs and horses. Council is exploring an alternative horse trail along Gold Memorial Road. This has been delayed by a VCAT challenge.

VCAT costs concern

The Warrandyte Community Association is concerned that the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal is increasing fees. Committee member WARWICK LEESON submitted the following statement to VCAT on WCA’s behalf.

IN the strongest possible terms, I oppose the proposed VCAT fee increases.

VCAT has an enviable reputation as a tribunal available to the “man on the street” to deal with issues that affect the individual or the local community.

It was readily accessible as it had a fee structure to discourage the frivolous applicant, but they were not big enough to discourage the opportunity for just decision making for the likes of individuals and voluntary community groups.

Justice should not be decided on who has the biggest pocket.

We are a small group of concerned individuals, interested in our small community and not made up of rich members or those with financial conflicts-of-interest in our decision-making.

If the Warrandyte Community Association, or any community group, elected to object to a council decision to allow an inappropriate development, the fee proposal of \$1007.40 would, more than likely, be prohibitive.

Certainly the Association’s bank balance does not go anywhere near that. (The current membership fee for the association is \$10 per family per annum as cost should not be the determinant for membership, but the costs

of annual incorporation must be met.)

A single instance of one inappropriate development VCAT application would, under the new proposals, exhaust our funds; the community has no hope of being represented if more than one application scenario occur.

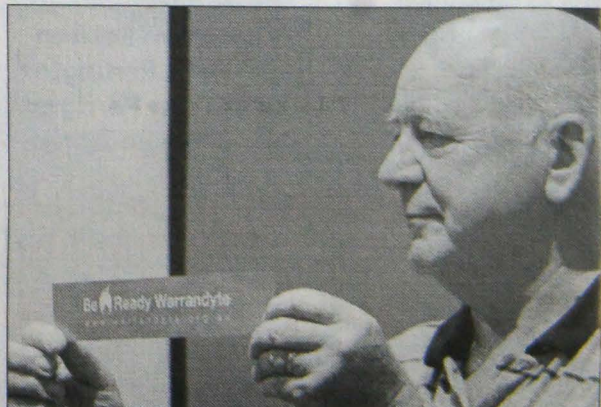
Like most fair-minded volunteer community group members, I am concerned with preventing frivolous or vexatious applications, but increasing the fees to such prohibitive levels, as is being proposed, would prevent many valid applications.

I note the Environment Defenders Office statement that, “Then hearing fees of between around \$370 and \$1800 a day could be charged on top of that.”

This indicates that, other than rich individual or corporations, almost all community groups would be scared off before even trying to raise the actual fee.

Is the main reason for these proposed exorbitant fees to get rid of the current VCAT backlog or a means of encouraging development, whether appropriate or inappropriate?

On behalf of the Warrandyte Community Association and similar volunteer-based local community groups, I submit that you ought not to go ahead with applying these fees.



WCA activist Warwick Leeson

Nillumbik council’s new domestic animal rules

Nillumbik council is calling for input on its draft Domestic Animal Management Plan.

“The Nillumbik community provided a lot of feedback through an online survey,” a council spokesperson said.

“This quality information

has allowed us to prepare a draft considering residents’ responses.

“The draft aims to promote and facilitate responsible ownership of dogs and cats, address a range of animal welfare issues and highlight the benefits of animal companionship,”

the spokesperson said. It “addresses animal registration and identification, dog and cat nuisance complaints and issues, attacks and rushing by dogs, managing dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs, overpopulation and euthanasia, domestic animal

businesses and provisions for dogs off-leash.”

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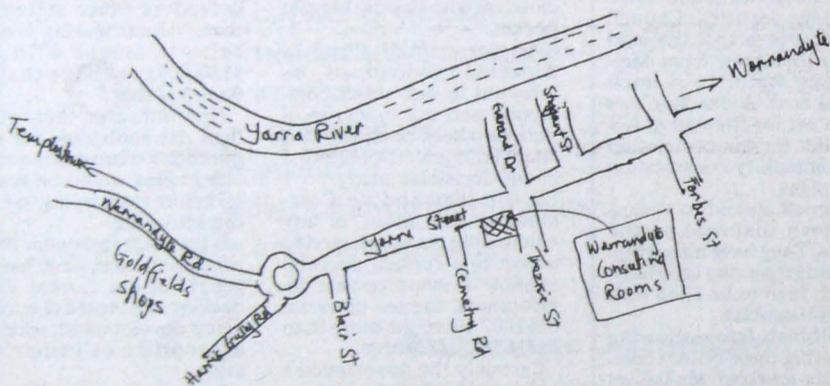


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Festivalgoers! Please note a key change to this year's Friday night festival opener, the Battle of the Bands. Battling it out for the top prize—a day in a recording studio—local young bands will gear up from 6pm on Friday, March 22, on the Main Stage at Stiggants Street. Food, soft drink and water will be available on the night. Please note this is a drug, smoke and alcohol free event. Admission is free.

ART

Festival weekend marks Warrandyte Rotary's 29th exhibition of work by local and interstate artists. A preview of the Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Art Show will be offered at a Gala Champagne Opening from 7 to 11pm on Friday, March 22 at the Warrandyte Community Church in Yarra Street. Tickets are priced at \$25. The Art Show will be open both Saturday and Sunday from 10am. A door ticket costs \$10, with free entry to students.

PARADE

"Celebrating friends and neighbours" is the theme for Warrandyte Festival 2013, and what better way to launch a celebration than with a Grand Parade? This year's Festival Monarchs Geoff and Christine Taylor will lead them on their merry way—community groups, bands, floats, and vintage cars—from the Mechanics Institute in Yarra Street to Stiggants Reserve. The official commencement, heralded by a vintage plane flyover, gets underway on Saturday, March 23 at 11am.

MAIN STAGE

School and bush bands kick off the entertainment, drumming ensembles pick up the beat and dance academy devotees show us all how to tap that toe with style! The music starts at 12.30pm on Saturday and continues late with bands The Scrimshaw Four and Nudist Funk Orchestra among others. Sunday's program features a variety of talent, on stage from 11.30am. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic or buy food and drink across the weekend.

RIVERBANK STAGE

High-energy street circus performer Callan Harris starts the fun around noon on Saturday

and a diverse musical lineup including Catfish Voodoo and Both Sides of the River, rounds out the afternoon. Sunday's program "Five Classic Albums" also begins at noon. Performances will highlight classic albums—the ability they have to influence and inspire us, musically time-stamping our memories of events and personal moments.

DUCKS

Duck in to the Top Tent, Upper Reserve, on Saturday between 11.30am and 4pm and vote for your favourite little quacker in the 'Dytes Designer Duck competition. Prizes will be awarded. Decoration must be children's own work

RIDES

Festival Sunday begins on the bike—if you've got the legs for it. The 40km Warrandyte Festival Bike Ride meets at the Lions Club tennis court car park, Sunday, March 24 at 8am. The Family Bike Ride meets at the Netball Courts in Tarooma Avenue at 9am. Registration must be completed beforehand. Details and forms available from www.warrandytefestival.org, or make enquiries to contact contact@warrandytefestival.org



BILLY CARTS

A highlight of the Warrandyte Festival, the Billy Cart Derby takes no prisoners! Carts line up at the top of Police Street from Sunday at 9.30am. Registration takes place between 8.30 and 9.15am for children aged eight to 15 years. The event features a parent's race, great prizes and trophies, but carts must meet set safety criteria. Call 0418 357 282 or go to the website: contact@warrandytefestival.org.

PETS

Cats, dogs, rabbits, mice, goldfish, birds—the much-loved festival Dog Show and Pet Parade gives everyone the chance to show off the cute, cuddly or curious members of their household. This event, hosted by Warrandyte High School, takes place on Sunday at 9.30am near the

DUCK RACE

In a feat that can only be described as "spec-quackular", the Duck Race sees over 1000 decorated ducks launched into the Yarra. The first duck to make it downriver from Police Street to Stiggants Street wins. Ducks can be purchased beforehand for \$3 from local schools, or during the weekend from the Information Caravan. Ducks dive on Sunday at 2.30pm.

DISPLAYS

Discover a range of opportunities through local groups and service providers. Displays include: Aboriginal art exhibition, Combined Emergency Services, Parks Victoria and Friends of Warrandyte State Park, Reconciliation Manningham, Warrandyte Community Garden, Warrandyte Community Association, Climate Action Now, Warrandyte Toy Library, local council, stationary and steam engines, miners, blacksmiths, woodcrafters, animals, reptiles, and solar/electric bikes. Warrandyte Tennis Club's serving speed competition returns. Also back again, camel rides leave from the bottom of Police Street.

DREAMING SPACE

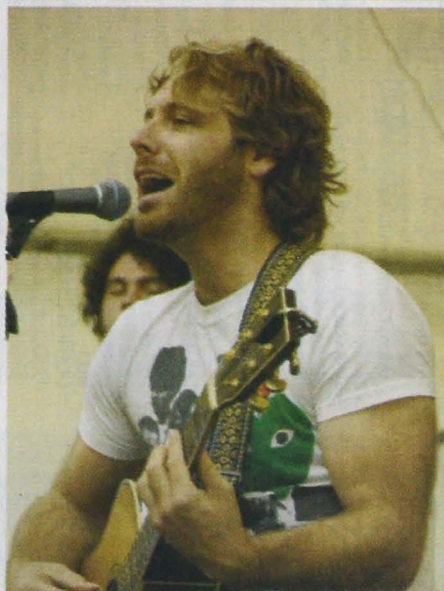
The Dreaming Space will be located downhill from the Community Church on the lower riverbank and will feature circus workshops, story telling and magic for all ages, throughout the weekend.

READ

Witty words and varied verse are just some of the literary treats on offer at The Grand Read. Guest artists for 2013 are the Manger twins, Emily and Bronwen, whose work appears in the 2012 Best Australian Poets. Enjoy the work of published poets and writers, and students from Warrandyte Neighbourhood House's poetry and writing classes. In its 16th year, this event takes place at 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 26, upstairs at the Grand Hotel. Tickets are \$17 at the door or \$15 purchased in advance from the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House on 9844 1839.

● Check out www.warrandytefestival.org for information about any of the above, including program details, accessibility information, road closures, maps and registration forms. Also, Facebookers can search "Warrandyte Festival" for regular updates.

● The Warrandyte Festival Committee is dedicated to reducing the amount of waste produced at the festival each year and welcomes suggestions about how to further reduce waste at this event. Please email your ideas to: contact@warrandytefestival.org.



WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL 2013



Celebrating Friends and Neighbours

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

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Celebrating Friends and Neighbours

March 22- 24 weekend, Stiggants Reserve, Yarra Street, Warrandyte

The Warrandyte Festival is a grass roots celebration of friends, family and the Warrandyte community. It is an opportunity to come together for a weekend of fun, food and fabulous music within a unique riverside village environment.

Saturday 23 March

10.15am - Street Parade marshalling (Bridge tennis courts, Tills Drive or car park behind toilet block/bus shelter opposite Folk Art)

10.30am - Judging of Street Parade floats: Perpetual trophy for Best Parade Entry plus Most Colourful, Most Imaginative, Best Costumes/Make-up and Most Warrandyte-ish

10.55am - Vintage plane flyover with James Courtney to mark the start of the Street Parade, proudly supported by the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank

11.00am - Official start of Street Parade, Mechanics Institute Hall, Cnr Yarra & Mitchell Streets: Cutting of ribbon by local councillors, Town Crier, Festival Monarchs (Geoff and Christine Taylor), bands, floats, vintage cars and more. Commentaries along Yarra Street at the Community Centre, Grand Hotel, east of Forbes Street and Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries: parade@warrandytefestival.org

12.00pm - Official Festival Opening including Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and Dance Performance (presented by the Wurundjeri Council and Reconciliation Manningham), introduction of 2013 Festival Monarchs (Geoff and Christine Taylor) and local Councillors

11.30am - 4.00pm - 'Dyte's Designer Ducks' competition, The Top Tent, Upper Reserve. This year 10 of the best decorated plastic ducks (must be children's own work) will be selected to be part of the Designer Ducks competition. Festival goers are asked to vote for their favourite duck with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes being awarded

Wurundjeri Historical Plaque Unveiling Ceremonies commemorating the site of the last great local intertribal Corroborree in 1852. Traditional smoking ceremonies, stories, songs and dance.

1.30pm - Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Bill Nicholson will perform a traditional Welcome to Country and unveiling of the Historical Plaque and Marker Trees at the confluence of Yarra River with Anderson Creek (Mel Ref 23 C12 Everard Dr/ Tarroona Ave car park)

2.30pm - Wurundjeri Elder Auntie Diane Kerr will perform a traditional Welcome to Country and unveiling of the Historical Plaque in North Warrandyte at confluence of Yarra River and Stony Creek (Mel Ref 23 C9 The Boulevard, North Warrandyte).

Sunday 24 March

8.00am - Warrandyte Festival Bike Ride: Staggered start 8.00 - 9.00am (with registration completed). Meet at Lions Club tennis court car park (Mel Ref 23 F11). This great ride showcases the Green Wedge's scenic countryside. A 40km course that includes a variety of hills suitable for experienced road cyclists. Provides an opportunity to escape the traffic and enjoy quiet roads. Details and registration forms available from www.warrandytefestival.org. Enquiries: bikeride@warrandytefestival.org

9.00am - Warrandyte Festival Family Bike Ride: Meet at Netball Courts, Tarroona Ave, Warrandyte (Mel Ref 35 C1). All riders must register through the YMCA prior to the ride. Further information, requirements, registration forms and detailed route maps available at www.warrandytefestival.org. Enquiries contact@warrandytefestival.org

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Warrandyte Festival 22-24 March 2013

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

8.30am - Billy Cart Derby, Police Street: Registration 8.30am - 9.15am. Racing begins at 9.30am. Ages 8 - 15, plus a race for the parents. Lots of great prizes and trophies. \$8 registration. Sponsored by Apollo Cycles, Warrandyte RSL, Warrandyte Welding and Dean Stuart Industrial Supplies. Billycarts must meet set safety criteria, available at www.warrandytefestival.org or call 0418 357 282. Enquiries contact@warrandytefestival.org

9.30am - Dog Show and Pet Parade, Lower Riverbank near food stalls: Various categories including cats, rabbits, mice, goldfish, birds etc. All animals welcome if under owner's control. Hosted by Warrandyte High School. Enquiries contact@warrandytefestival.org

10.30am - 12.30pm - Kids' Market, Upper Reserve: Enjoy home-made and home-grown goodies created by local kids. Stall applications available from local schools or www.warrandytefestival.org. Certificates awarded. Enquiries kidsmarket@warrandytefestival.org

1.30pm - Warrandyte Gift, Upper Reserve: A series of fast paced and skilled races for teams, individuals, kids and families. Great prizes and free entry. Register early! Enquiries contact@warrandytefestival.org

2.00pm - Gold Mine Tour, meet at 104 Webb Street: Join John Hanson for a leisurely walk, visiting an 1850's gold mine. 90 minute duration. Wear flat shoes. Hosted by Uniting Church. Donation to Walk Against Want appreciated. Enquiries 9844 3906

2.30pm - Duck Race, Yarra River: See over 1000 decorated plastic ducks launched into the Yarra battling for glory! Ducks are sold at local schools beforehand and during the weekend at the Information Caravan. Launched in the water at Police Street and finishing at Stiggants Street. \$3 entry. Trophies awarded. Enquiries duckrace@warrandytefestival.org

Warrandyte Festival Art Prize

Artists are invited to work within the Warrandyte Festival precinct on festival weekend to produce a work of art that "captures the spirit of the Festival and the natural beauty of Warrandyte".

The deadline for registration is Friday 22 March. Prizes awarded and winners announced on Sunday 24 March at 7.00pm.

Find out more at www.warrandytefestival.org
To register email artprize@warrandytefestival.org

All weekend Stiggants Lower Riverbank

Discover a range of opportunities available through the local groups and service providers. Displays include:

- » Aboriginal art exhibition
- » Animals on the Move (small charge applies)
- » Blacksmith display
- » Combined Emergency Services
- » Eltham Steam and Stationary Engine Preservation Society
- » Manningham City Council
- » Parks Victoria and Friends of Warrandyte State Park
- » Prospectors and Miners gold display
- » Reconciliation Manningham
- » Salty the Blacksmith
- » Snake handler
- » Solar/Electric bikes
- » Tennis serving speed competition has returned!
- » Warrandyte Climate Action Now (CAN)
- » Warrandyte Community Association
- » Warrandyte Community Garden
- » Warrandyte Toy Library
- » Woodcraft Manningham

Tennis: Curious about Tennis Hot Shots after watching the Australian Open? Warrandyte Tennis Club will be providing free Hot Shots Tennis for all the family on four mini courts. Grass area between Stiggant St and the footbridge

The 'Dreaming Space' - Circus workshops, story telling and magic for all ages. Down hill from the Community Church (refer to map)

Camel rides - (small charge applies). Meet at the bottom of Police Street

Roving Information Caravans - Look out for volunteers with red festival t-shirts

First Aid - Available from the St John Ambulance (refer to map)

Festival Feasting - Food and drinks to suit every taste. Available all weekend (including Saturday and Sunday evenings in Upper Reserve only)

Radio Eastern FM 98.1 - Be constantly up to date with Festival happenings as Radio Eastern broadcast live from the Lower Riverbank

Stiggants Upper Reserve

Festival Information Caravan - Visit us near the main stage for festival information, ducks for the race, lost property and a chat

Art and Craft Market - Purchase home-grown and hand-made products including craft, produce, plants, clothes, jewellery and other goodies.

9.00am - 4.00pm Saturday and 9.30am - 4.30pm Sunday

Free children's art and craft activities @ The Top Tent - Run by the Warrandyte Uniting Church from 12.00pm - 3.45pm

Scouts' Giant Water slide for all kids - (adjacent to Stiggant Street). 12.00pm - 5.00pm Saturday and 12.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday. Change tent available. BYO bathers and towel. \$2 per ride or \$10 for an unlimited all-day pass. Run by Warrandyte/Park Orchards Scout Group

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On Stage

All stages and audience areas are non-smoking. Performance times subject to change without notice.

Pack your chairs or blankets, bring or buy food and drinks and enjoy two days and three nights of fabulous music and celebration

Friday 22 March

Battle of the bands

Main Stage - Upper Reserve
6.00 - 10.00pm

Come and see our best local youth bands go into musical battle.

Free admission. Soft drinks, water and hot food available for purchase.

This is a drug, smoke and alcohol free event. Enquiries music@warrandytefestival.org

Saturday 23 March

Riverbank Stage - Lower Riverbank near the Rotunda

12.15pm - Callan Harris

1.00pm - Catfish Woodoo

2.00pm - Neatly Folded Goat

3.00pm - Damian Howard with the Ploughboys

4.00pm - Both Sides of the River

4.20pm - The Girl in the Fire

Main Stage - Upper Reserve

12.00pm - Official Festival Opening inc. Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony & Dance Performance (presented by the Wurundjeri Council & Reconciliation Manningham), introduction of 2013 Festival Monarchs (Geoff & Christine Taylor) and local Councillors.

12.30pm - Anderson's Creek Primary School



1.00pm - Warrandyte Primary School and Bush Band
1.15pm - Park Orchards Primary School
1.45pm - Warrandyte High School
2.15pm - Doowla Drummers
2.45pm - De Riaz Dance Academy
3.15pm - Wonnies School Bands
5.15pm - The Scrimshaw Four
6.00pm - Adam Cousens
7.00pm - Teskey Brothers
8.00pm - Nudist Funk Orchestra
9.20pm - Animateux

Sunday 24 March

Riverbank Stage - Lower Riverbank near the Rotunda

Five Classic Albums - If music is food for the soul, then Classic Albums must be the individual gourmet dishes. They change the way we think, the way we hear things, perhaps even who we are. Classic Albums capture time and space like no other medium. They fix the moments in which we live, setting the context for the period of our times.

2.00pm - 461 Ocean Boulevard (Eric Clapton) - Rubida Pink
1.00pm - Blue (Joni Mitchell) Cath Rutter

2.00pm - The Best of Hank Williams - Lovesick Drifters

3.00pm - Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band (The Beatles) - A.J. Leonard's Tropical Lounge

4.00pm - The Best of the Beach Boys - Beachy Boys

Main Stage - Upper Reserve

11.30am - Eltham Concert Band

12.40pm - Snake handler

1.50pm - Riff Masters

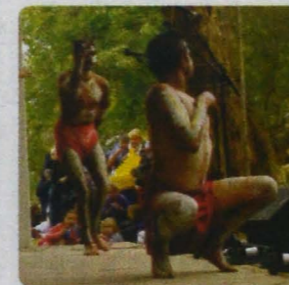
3.00pm - "RUST"

4.10pm - Little Wise

5.20pm - Megan Bernard

6.30pm - Batacoda

7.45pm - Vulgargrad



Associated Activities

Warrandyte Theatre Company presents Fantasy Follies

Mechanics Institute Hall, Cnr Yarra & Mitchell Streets

March: 21, 22, 23 April: 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

The 2013 Fantasy Follies has been created by a wonderful team of Warrandytes. Everyone's fantasies are different, and Follies writers have produced skits that vary from fairy tale characters to female fantasies, fantasies of being better than the other guy and of finding true love. Expect the unexpected and enjoy dreaming along with the trolls, wizards, dragons and unicorns you'll meet. BYO food and drinks. Adult \$22, Concession \$20. Trybooking: <http://www.trybooking.com/CLZ> or contact David 9844 5727

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale presents the 29th Warrandyte Art Show

Warrandyte Community Church, 54 Yarra Street

Official Gala Champagne Opening - Friday 22 March from 7.00pm - 11.00pm. \$25 (includes entry, catalogue, supper and refreshments)

Art Show - 23 March, 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 24 March from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Over 600 paintings featuring local and interstate artists. \$5 entry

St. Stephen's Anglican Church
5 Stiggant Street

23 March 9.00am - 5.00pm Festival Retreat. Looking for time out? Find peace and tranquility in the lovely St. Stephen's Church

24 March 10.00am Family Service. All welcome. 11.30am - 3.30pm Baby feed and change area, children's activities and refreshments. 12.00pm "Mainly Music" demonstration (a music program for kids under five years old)



Warrandyte Community Church

Riverbank Stage, Lower Riverbank 24 March 10.00am All welcome to attend a community church service

Warrandyte Historical Society Museum
111 Yarra Street

24 March 10.00am - 5.00pm and 25 March 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Exhibition 'Friends and Neighbours from the Past' featuring residents who have made an outstanding contribution to the Warrandyte community. Also displays on Warrandyte's aboriginal, gold mining, artists, potters and social history. Free entry. Call 9844 4176 or email whs.secretary@hotmail.com

The Grand Read 2013

Grand Hotel, 110 Yarra Street (upstairs above the Public Bar)

26 March 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start

This popular Festival closing event is on again and in its 16th year! Local writers read their work over a glass of wine. The 2013 guest artists are the fabulous Manger twins - Emily and Bronwen, whose work appears in the 2012 Best Australian Poets. With a combination of published poets and writers, and students from the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House's poetry and writing classes, The Grand Read always provides a fantastic evening of high quality listening. Refreshment provided and drinks at bar prices. \$17 at the door or \$15 in advance. Tickets Warrandyte Neighbourhood House 9844 1839

Pastel Palette

Aumanns Family Orchard Fruit Specialty Shop, 150 Harris Gully Road

Opening 20 March from 8.30am-5.30pm

Pastel Palette members (Warrandyte Arts Guide) hold their Autumn Exhibition in conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival. Free admission. All welcome





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General Information

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The Festival Committee strives to improve accessibility at the event, including providing additional accessible parking and drop off facilities, accessible toilets, pathways and stage viewing areas. Please refer to the map and our website for further details or inquire at the Information Caravan. In case of extreme weather or fire conditions and on advice from the CFA and Police, the Festival Committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Festival. Please visit our website for announcements.

The Warrandyte Festival is dedicated to reducing the amount of waste the event produces each year. You can help by:

1. Ensuring you use the correct bins on site to dispose of your waste
2. Bringing a water bottle to the festival and refilling it at a water station
3. Consider bringing your own reusable crockery and cutlery to our events.

During the Festival, street parking is free but may be limited in the streets surrounding Stiggants Reserve. Some road closures are applied during the festival weekend, including Yarra Street on 23 March during the Street Parade. Please visit our website for details.

Warrandyte Festival dates for next year: 21 - 23 March 2014

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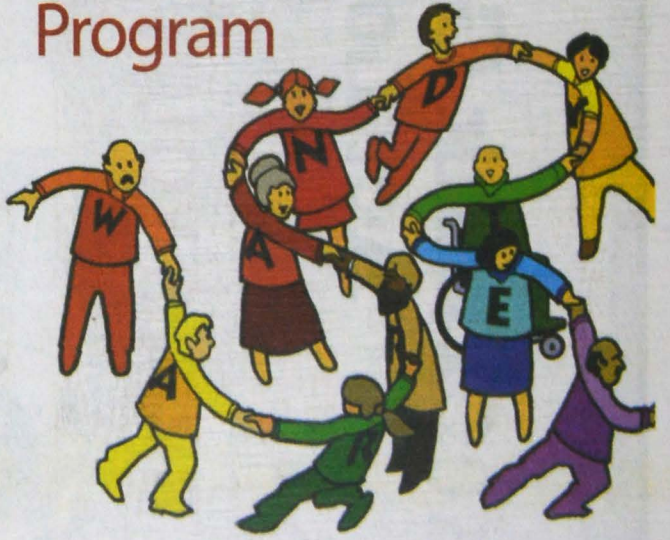
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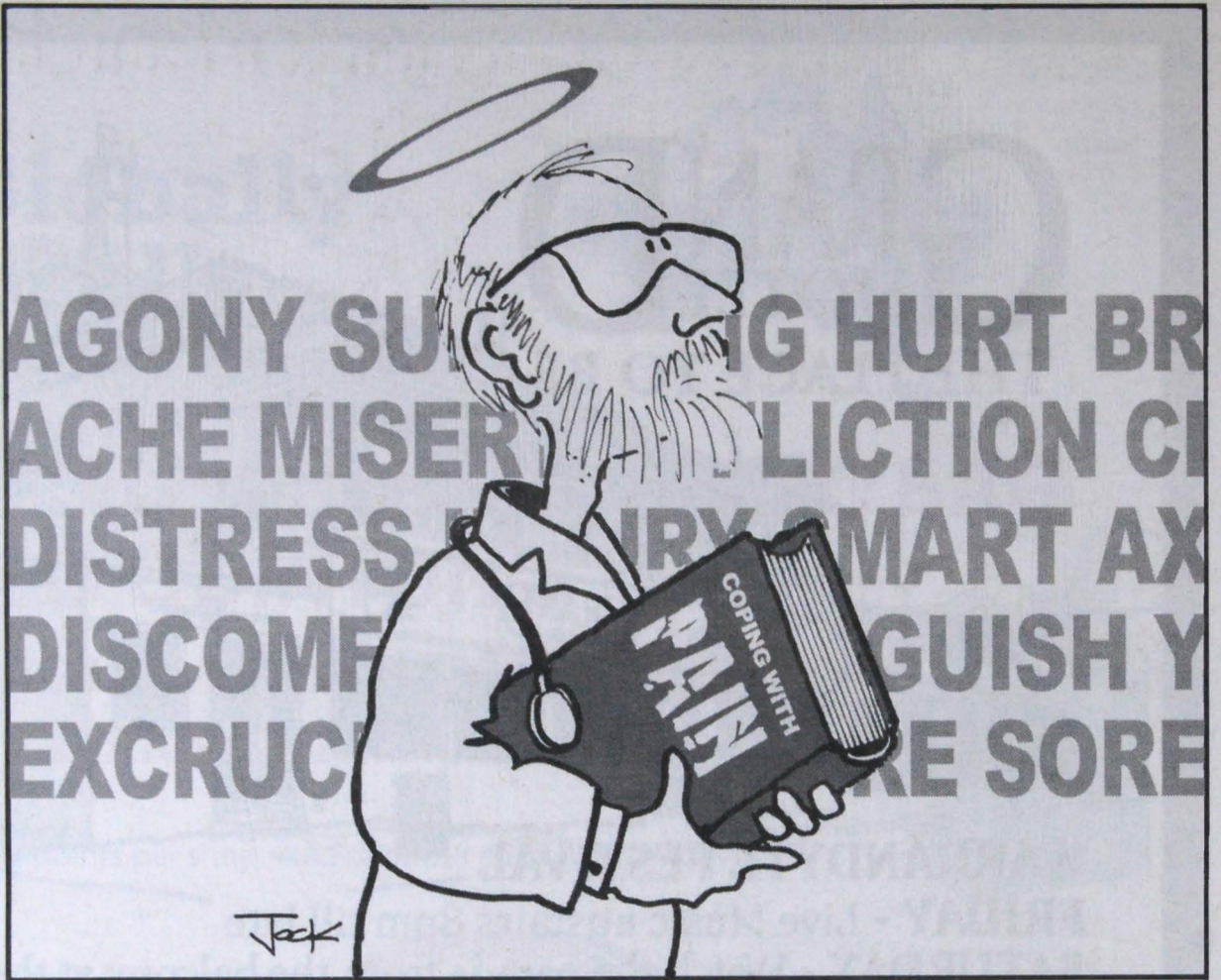
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WE'VE had a good life really with our fair share of medical crises. Not as many as some, however and it's by watching "24 Hours in Emergency: Saturday Night" on SBS that we have come to appreciate what some people go through. Really painful, life threatening stuff with calm, efficient doctors and professional nursing staff. And patients who are patient. Not all of our personal medical experiences, however, have been like that.

Herself tells me that, like most men, I don't do illness very well. Evidently I get grumpy and a bit demanding. Unlike her, of course, who is ever grateful, calm, considerate, forbearing and as close to Saint Florence Nightingale as you can get. But I have a reason to be a little bit demonstrative; my man-illnesses are always more significant! And it all started when I was but a lad.

Most people, when asked, would say that we are lucky to have modern medicine. I agree but the word they don't place enough emphasis on is "modern". The whizzbang, high tech treatment we experience today is relatively recent. In fact, I only need to go back to my early childhood to discover the difference. I am sure, so Herself will tell me on reading this, that I have already told you of my first operation but not everyone out there is as old as she, so allow me to indulge myself once again.



"Herself tells me that, like most men, I don't do illness very well. Evidently I get grumpy and a bit demanding..."

I was eight and whilst at the local dentist, it was decided that I needed a tooth extracted. No sooner had the dentist arrived at this conclusion than he reached into his drawer, took out a three feet (90cm) long hypodermic syringe and "came straight at me". With two nurses unsuccessfully holding my head still and one swarthy dentist fail-

ing to get past my flailing arms and kicking feet, the decision was made that I was to "have it out" under anaesthetic.

Now we are not talking about the Middle Ages but at no stage in the discussion about the op was the word "hospital" mentioned. The first I knew that it was the operation day was when I heard the front doorbell ring. Only distant relatives and trouble rang the front door bell so I was apprehensive to begin with. My suspicion was proved accurate when mum opened the door to the dentist and his nurse.

When they had hunted me down, captured me, laid me down on the kitchen table, plonked a rag-covered sieve over my face and doused it with chloroform did I realise that "hospital operating bed" and "kitchen table" are synonyms. Me out, tooth out, dentist left and job done! Terror and paranoia remained.

The second man-sized operation I had was when, at 42, I had my diseased eye lens replaced. Nowadays it's a quick, simple procedure with micro-surgery and a local anaesthetic. Not mine. Not then. I had the proper, difficult one.

Some of you will find this hard to believe but Herself likes to dine out on the story of my "recovery phase" after the operation. Personally, I don't believe that I am in the Guinness Book of Records for taking the longest time to come out of anaesthesia. Nor do I believe that I groaned piteously and told her to go

away—several times. Nor do I believe that I "woosily" fainted when, a few weeks later, to remove some of the stitches in my eye, the surgeon locked my head in that optometrist's chin resting device, rolled up my eyelids and "came at me" with the scalpel. No wonder I find illness difficult! Who else has had to suffer like I have!

And what is the reason for this exposition?

Having had surgery on most of the organs in her body, Herself is down to toes. Ever needing to keep up with my incomparable suffering, she has had a few joints in her second toe cut out and the rest of the bones fused. The until-now flexible toe is held in place, until the fusing is complete, with a large pin that extends in the centre for the length of the toe. "A piece of cake!" I hear you say.

For two weeks after the op, all she had to do was laze around with, apart from the quick trip to the loo, her foot raised higher than her nose. Just imagine my problem. Four times a day I had to stop what I was doing to take her pain killers plus meals from the freezer that she had pre-made well before this slack time. Then after the two weeks when the stitches were painfully (sic) removed, she had just another six weeks of hobbling and discomfort before returning to get the pin removed.

What a doddle! I'm waiting to be approached to play the lead in "Medical Martyrs".

ROGER KIBELL

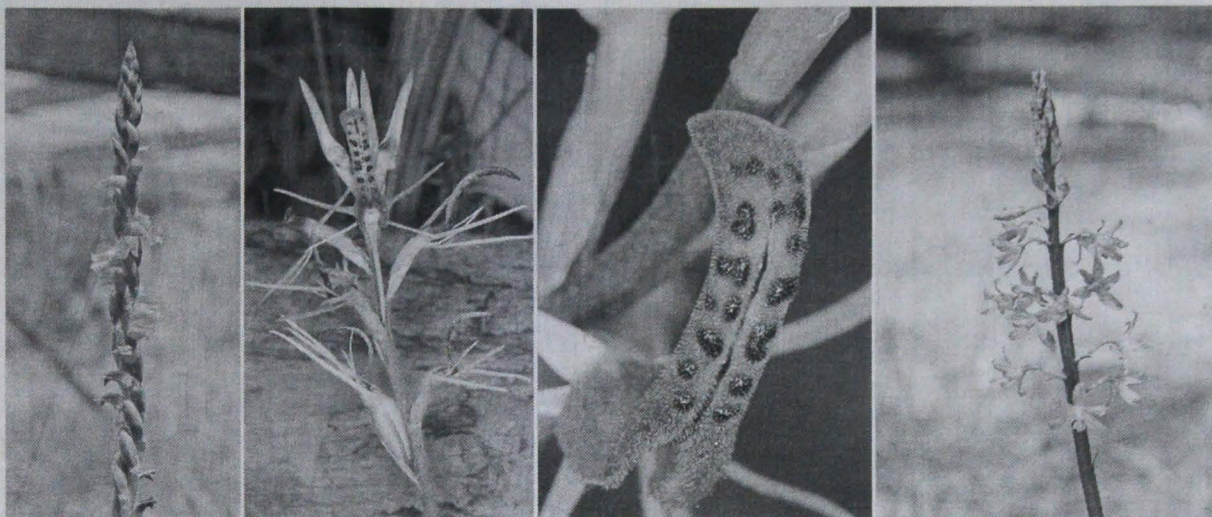
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Last of the summer orchids



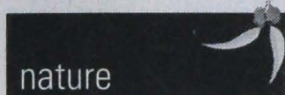
Three summer orchids (from left): Austral Ladies Tresses, Small tongue-orchid, Rosy Hyacinth orchid. (Pictures by Linda Rogan).

WITH drought continuing to near the end of February, and blossoms and insects few and far between, it was a time to seek out some reliable summer orchids.

The search started close to home, at the FOWSP indigenous nursery where the Austral Ladies Tresses bloomed.

Once brought in as a rescued plant, this orchid with pink and white blooms spiralling up its stem, is self pollinating. It now pops up in the nursery's wet plant bog and in other plant's pots as a welcome surprise.

Re-potting these stray orchids from the other pots has slowly increased the number of plants at the nursery. This is fortunate because the orchid is difficult to cultivate from seed and may succumb to scale and overwatering in the winter. In nature it is found in wetland areas near swamps and used to occur near Mt Lofty. This orchid is becoming less common state-wide and near Melbourne,



By LINDA ROGAN

due to loss of suitable wetlands, but still can be found near the Dandenongs.

This is also the locality for another summer reliable, the tongue orchid. These once occurred in Warrandyte State Park but have not been seen for many years. We found one species of tongue orchid on the approach to the Baluk Willam reserve. This one was nearly finished but still could be identified as the Large Tongue Orchid. It was the only individual we saw that day.

Soon we spotted leathery, erect leaves with purple undersides poking up through the leaf litter in ones and twos and then the bizarre flower spikes of the Small Tongue-orchid.

It had green buds at the tip, fleshy fresh flowers in the middle and old flowers turning into seedpods below. This orchid has leaves all year round

except in severe drought and it also has fleshy roots that act as storage organs. A close look at the large lip of the orchid that is thrown up and back from the stem clearly shows the resemblance to an animal tongue.

A third orchid is still plentiful in Warrandyte State Park. Imagine, trudging up the hill from Whipstick Gully car park, up the "new chums" track. At the top of the gully the track turns sharply to the left, so take the rough steps where rocky, mined-out slopes appear bare under the Eucalypts. Then someone calls out, "Two, three, four, here in flower and another over there!" and we start our count. By the end of the walk we count between 15 to 20 tall flower spikes of lovely pink orchids. This can only be the Rosy Hyacinth-orchid, one of Victoria's showiest. We've made a bet to see who can guess the number or closest to it. It's a bet without forfeit as we all win in pleasure of the pursuit.

The Rosy Hyacinth-orchid

is leafless with green to red stems and survives as a hemiparasite. Their roots can be quite long—half a metre or so—and they grow around or against a tree root (Eucalypt) and a fungal relationship transfers nutrient from the tree to the orchid. As yet these orchids cannot be successfully cultivated and there is much more to learn about their survival techniques.

Flower spikes start in previous seasons and stay as short underground buds until the conditions are right to emerge, looking like red asparagus, and then burst into flower.

A single plant may have multiple flower spikes. As the flower matures, it turns 180 degrees so that the lip ends up at the bottom of the flower (in the more traditional orchid flower look). An insect pollinator, usually a native bee, lands here on the tufts of pink hairs.

By late February mainly stalks with large seed pods remain. It will soon be time to look for autumn orchids.

What's in a name, she says...

ONE of my favourite little country cafés has a new owner. A new owner with a broad paintbrush and a large garbage bin. He (she?) has converted a snug cubbyhole once brimful of pigs into a characterless box.

The walls used to be brightly coloured and papered with interesting artwork; now they're blank sheets of boring beige. The tables look bleak, too—uniformly pasty plywood has replaced electric red, blue and green. Piglets of every ilk have left the building. Not a single squiggly tail in sight.

It should have been renamed "Café Bereft". The real name, predictably, is as bland as the décor—The Coffee Bean.

But even that's not the death knell, although it ought to be. The utter killjoy has been bolted to the front wall, right next to a big picture window. Spare me! A wide-screen TV? Is there no corner of the planet where one can be left in contemplative peace? Or where one can have a quiet chat over coffee without being harassed by scaremonger-

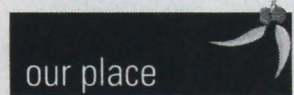
ing presenters?

"The All-New Fast Diet!" "Baby Monitors Radioactive Scare!" Everything you didn't need to know about "Women Working Harder Than Men". Some bloke, an in-your-face nutcase, screaming a stream of gibberish about a kitchen gadget, a handy salad spinner/chopper/slicer with a STAINLESS STEEL strainer. WOW! Fancy that! Call 1800 997 997 NOW. Only the first 47 callers will get one of these wonder-whooshers!

Where was I again? Oh yes, having coffee with my Mum. For the moment there are two saving graces for this once-loved café: (a) it's the only café in town, and (b) the lovely staff, delectable coffee and delicious menu have not changed.

Why is there such an epidemic of these screens? Even our dentist has one bolted to the ceiling. I guess that's not so bad, really—conversational opportunities are few and far between when you're stuck in a lie-back chair with a mouth full of stainless steel implements. But everywhere else?

The gym I go to leaves no



By MARILYN MOORE

stone unturned when it comes to extraneous noise. Piped disco music almost drowns out the wide-screen TV, but nothing can muffle the happy shrieking coming from the play pool, the sound of cascading water, or the over-amplified bellowing of an unintelligible aerobics instructor whose class participants are somehow goaded into activity despite not being able to decipher a single word.

With all that other noise, do they really need a TV? Are people really that addicted that they can't get by without one while they have a coffee at the gym? Think of the electricity they'd save!

Electronic screens attached to train passengers is another market that seems to be reaching saturation. More people read iThingys than read books or newspapers, before mX comes out anyway. How bland is that?

I'd always thought a book was more or less a fashion ac-

cessory. You wouldn't put on your best suit then sit reading a well-thumbed Mills & Boon on the train, would you? A scruffy lout covered in tattoos and wearing clapped-out boots probably wouldn't be reading the *Financial Review*.

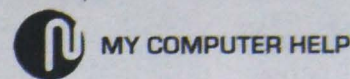
You wouldn't dress like an academic and be seen reading any book that wasn't at least plausibly informative. You couldn't possibly be completely cool if you didn't have funky hair and something highbrow in your bag.

Imagine your average bloke on the train, looking slightly crumpled at the end of the day. It's what he's reading that defines his image. The racing guide out of the paper? A thriller? A textbook? An early edition of Jane Austen's "Persuasion"? A copy of Mike Coupar's "Flying Colours"? A pile of work-related reports? *The Age* cryptic crossword?

I predict the resurgence of the book. These iThingys just don't cut it. And one day, hopefully quite soon, people will realise that their brains actually work much better when they are not being attacked on every front by electronic screens.

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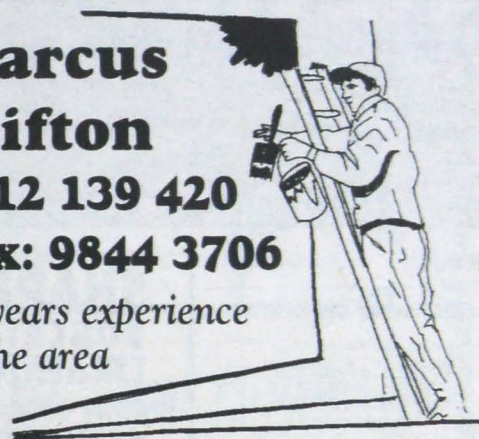
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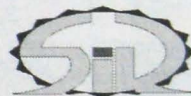
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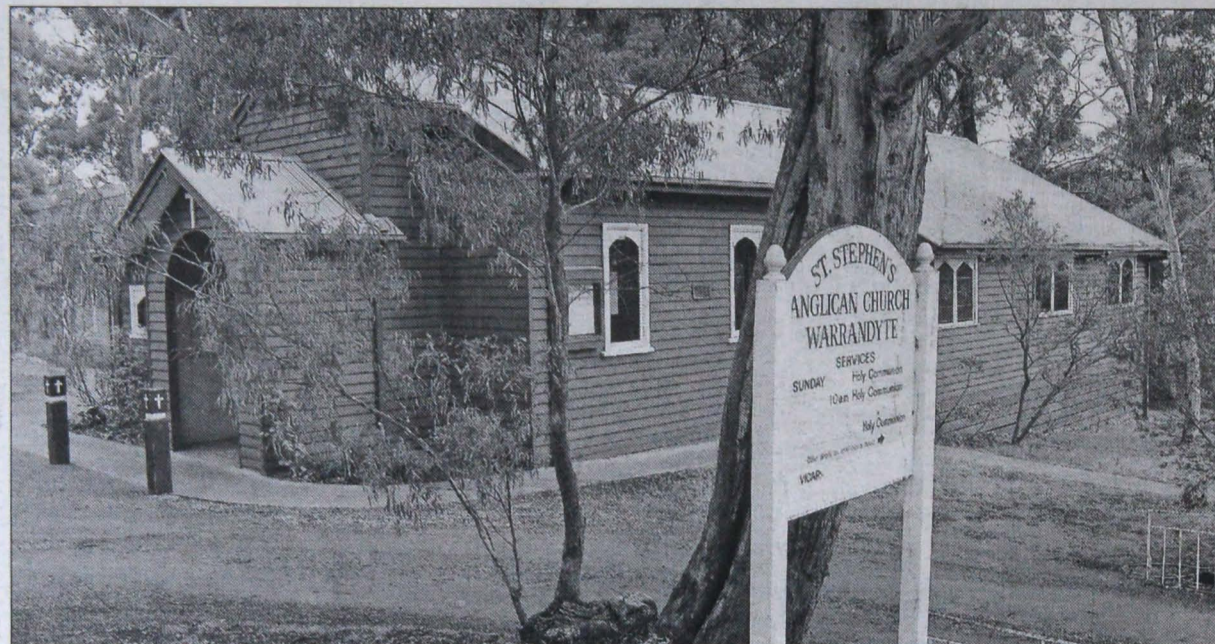
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Worship locally at Easter



St Stephen's Anglican Church in Stiggant Street, Warrandyte will be celebrating Easter from March 29 to April 1.

Easter church services

Easter — March 29-April 1—Local services are as follows:
Good Friday — Stations of the Cross 10.30am at Stiggants Reserve. Anglican (9844 2193) — Good Friday 9am, Easter Sunday 10am. Uniting church (9844 0674) — Good Friday 9am, Easter Sunday 10.15am. Catholic (9876 1509) — Good Friday 3pm Warrandyte, Easter Sunday 10.30am Park Orchards. Community Church (9844 4148) — Good Friday at 9.30am, Easter Sunday at 10am.

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Bands

Bands by the Bridge, live music at the Warrandyte RSL will be back this month. On March 17 from 4.30pm to 8pm "Cosmic Tattoo" Blues Groves will be entertaining. Entry band bucket donation and you can enjoy a sausage sizzle on the deck. The RSL clubrooms are at 113 Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte — off Mitchell Avenue.

Sale

St Stephens Church is holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday, March 16. A limited number of spaces are available for \$20. Ring 0430 766 470 asap if you are interested. There will also

out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

Publicise your coming events. Items for Out of the Inbox are welcome. Include full details of date, place and time and post to: Warrandyte Diary, PO Box 209, Warrandyte Vic 3113; emailed to: info@warrandytediary.com.au; or left in the mail box at St Stephen's Anglican Church, 5-7 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte.

be a market table and some books for sale in the hall. Morning tea will be available. Booters arrive 8am to 8.30am, buyers from 8.30am to 1pm.

Singers

The Bellbird singers are always seeking new members to join their choir. They rehearse on Monday night at the Uniting Church in Taroona Avenue. No auditions required for this good fun group. Call 9844 2553 for more information.

Poetry

The 2013 Nillumbik Ekphrasis Poetry award and related art exhibition opened on Friday, March 8 at the Eltham Civic Centre. Poets are invited to respond to one or more of the selected artworks with a poem in any genre of up to 12 lines. Twelve poems will be selected and printed on a series of postcards with the corresponding artworks.

They will be read at an awards ceremony on June 20. Entries close on Saturday, April 13. For further information go to artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or call 9433 3359.

Grand

Entertainment upstairs in the balcony bar at the Grand Hotel: Friday, March 15—local band Unfinished Business, from 8pm till late; Friday, March 22 (Festival Friday)—Peter Grant and Sarah Day, 8pm till late; Sunday, March 24 (Festival Sunday)—local duo Michelle Jaystone and Jason Stonehouse from 8pm till late. Friday, April 5—Unfinished Business, 8pm till late.

Launch

Local author Kevin Bonnett's poetry collection—*De-icing the Wings*—will be launched at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute, Yarra Street, Warrandyte, on Sunday, April 21 at 2pm. All welcome. Enquiries: 040 267 1015.

Variety

The Warrandyte "55 Plus" Variety Group is looking for more members for their 2013 productions, featuring singing, music, dancing and comedy.—plus back-of-stage involvement. Call 9877 1077 for more information.

Anniversary

Warrandyte Uniting Church is celebrating the 50th anni-

versary of the present church building on Sunday, April 28 at 10.15am followed by morning tea. If you are interested contact John Hanson on 9844 3906 or bandjhanson@hotmail.com

Music

Mainly Music takes place at St Stephen's Church Hall, 5 Stiggants Street, Warrandyte on Thursdays at 10am. These are 30 minute sessions where young children and their parents or caregivers can join together for a fun music session. It caters for children from birth to school age. Morning tea is available. Contact Debbie on 9844 3651 or Megan on 0416 260 129.

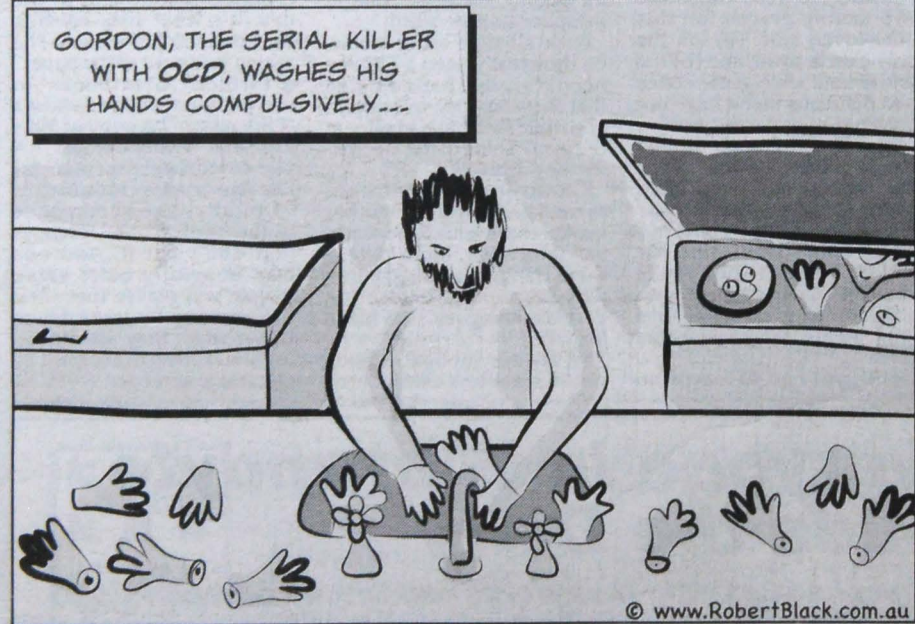
Walks

The next FOWSP/Manningham Nature Walk will be on Thursday, March 28 along the river at Koorong opposite Jumping Creek Reserve. The distance is 3kms and the walk is rated difficult. To book call 9840 9124 or email eepadmin-manningham.vic.gov.au.

Harvest

Nillumbik council is celebrating Harvest Month in March with a number of different activities including a Home harvest Feast on Sunday, March 17, workshops at Edendale farm with Vegetable Seed Saving on Saturday, March 23 and food film nights every Wednesday. For further information go to www.localfood-connect.org.au.

SOMEWHERE IN WARRANDYTE... By ROBERT BLACK



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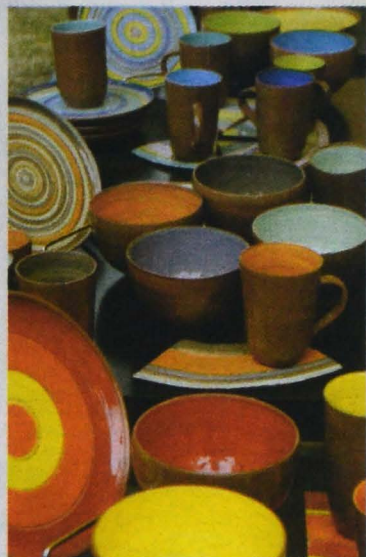
Stonehouse
During March, Stonehouse Gallery will be featuring an exhibition of oil paintings by local artist, Jacqui Pisano. The exhibition is entitled "Four Seasons of Warrandyte". Stonehouse Gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte and is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Exhibition
The Warranwood Art Show, held in the Oak Hall of the Rudolf Steiner School, 213 Wonga Road, Warranwood will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary this year. On show will be a diverse range of work including painting, sculpture, ceramics and jewellery by established and emerging artists. The show will be open on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17 from 10am to 4pm.

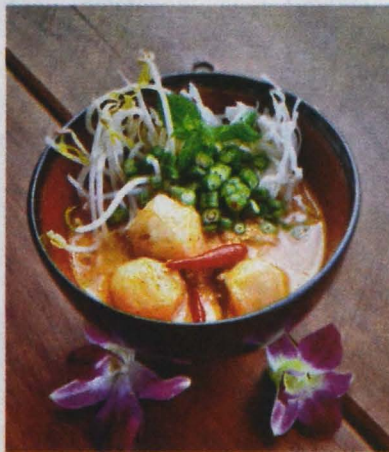


Pottery perfection

Warrandyte's annual pottery expo last month was staged as usual on the Yarra riverbank. It was an outstanding success. STEPHEN REYNOLDS turned up and took these pictures.



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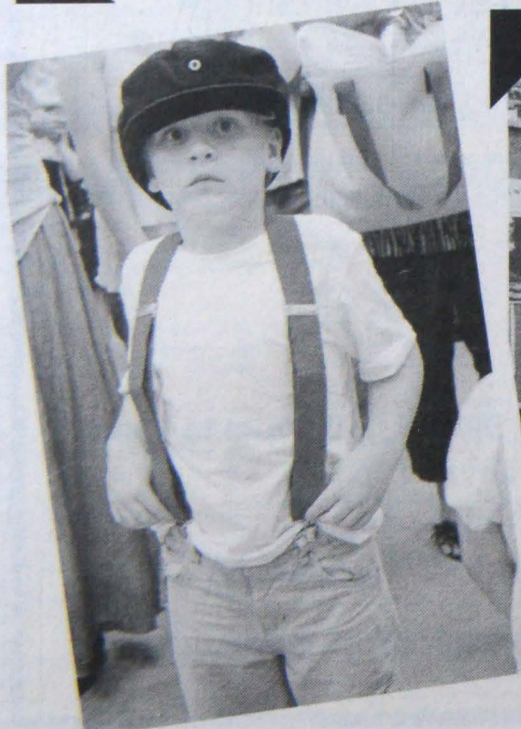
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Memories of a special school day

Warrandyte Primary School celebrated their 150th Anniversary last month



Pictures by Stephen Reynolds.

Warrandyte dreaming...

By VAL POLLEY

KAKADU National Park in the Northern Territory is about as far north from Warrandyte as one can go.

Kakadu showcases the very best of the Top End. Magnificent wetlands like Yellow Waters that teem with birdlife; Ubirr sunsets, the Arnhem Escarpment; beautiful rivers and waterfalls; amazing Aboriginal rock art at Noorlangie as well as other aboriginal cultural experiences and incredible wildlife on show.

Visitors from Warrandyte are brought face-to-face with home when visiting the Bowali Visitor Centre at Jabiru because here is a depiction of Warrandyte created by students from Warrandyte Primary School which is part of a large mural "Caring for Country".

This was the experience of local residents Ray and Val Spargo when recently travelling through the Top End. Intrigued by the link between Kakadu and Warrandyte, they explored a few ideas on their return to Warrandyte. Their friend Terry Bainbridge thought it may have been through an association formed in 1974 following the devastation wrought in the Top End by Cyclone Tracy which led to some aboriginal children being billeted in Warrandyte. Two of Terry's sons teamed up with two of these children and (in Terry's words) they all went "walkabout" having a Boy's Own adventure—exploring the mines, climbing the old fire tower and swimming in the Yarra River.

However on contacting Kakadu

National Park, Terry was told the link was actually a former Warrandyte resident, Georgie Saunders (formerly Georgina Waterman). Georgie was a conservationist and an inspired communicator and educator who worked across the Victorian National Parks Service, the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Parks and later in Kakadu. She was innovative and creative in her interpretation programs and literature for parks throughout the state while supportive and encouraging of those she worked with. Her work could be seen in many park visitor centre displays, in "The Yarra Book" and most visitors to Westerfolds Park would have experienced her delightful work through the "Homeshow Trail".

Georgie's professionalism and love of her work led to a range of outcomes that became benchmarks for programs in urban conservation, interpretation materials and displays, and ranger exchange programs around Australia. Her commitment to presenting natural and cultural heritage and to community involvement was an inspiration to those staff and interpreters with whom she worked and trained.

Georgie loved Warrandyte where she lived with husband Don and young son Edward. One of her earliest projects was working on an access path for visitors with disabilities at Pound Bend. She also involved herself in many local conservation (and other) issues and wrote articles about them for the *Warrandyte Diary*. She coordinated the interpretation program for Fourth Hill and worked on the rehabilitation of Whipstick Gully, but perhaps it is her work in



Warrandyte Primary School mural at Kakadu National Park.

Kakadu that could be considered her proudest professional achievement.

Bowali Visitor Centre, located near Jabiru in Kakadu National Park, is an award-winning centre both for its brilliant architecture and innovative displays. With the park being jointly managed by its traditional owners and the Australian Nature Conservation Agency, great sensitivity was demanded in the consultation process during the project's infancy. Georgie demonstrated both sensitivity to Aboriginal people and their culture and a commitment to finding ways of encouraging and empowering them. It was a great testament to Georgie's abilities and people skills that during her time working in Kakadu she was accepted as a "granddaughter" of tribal elder Bill Neidjie of a clan of the Bunitj people, a rare privilege.

In a moving obituary in the *Warrandyte Diary* of November 1996, Marilyn Moore wrote of Georgie's untimely death from cancer and spoke of the loss felt by her family, friends, workmates and the local community. She wrote of Georgie's success as a communicator, her concern for the environment, her love of children and her ability to create imaginative fun often with limited resources and of the many tributes to her life and

work.

In 1997 Warrandyte Primary School Grade 2 students together with their teacher Sue Reynolds were asked to contribute towards a mural to be installed at Bowali Visitor Centre to honour the memory of Georgie and her work. The mural was planned as a joint creation and involved liaising over research and design with similar age students from Jabiru Area School as well as Kakadu National Park and local artist Ron Reynolds. The Warrandyte section was created with scaled motifs being sent to Kakadu where they were incorporated into an overall design by artist Anne Franklin. The whole mural, installed along one of the galleries, represents three different parts of Australia, Warrandyte in the south, Uluru in the centre and Kakadu in the north.

The bright and colourful Warrandyte section depicts platypus and fish swimming in the Yarra River while children walk their dogs or relax on towels beside the water. A wide range of animals and birds appear amongst the trees. A spiky echidna, plump wombat, multiple possums, fat koala and lone kangaroo can be seen together with multiple birds, frogs, lizards and snakes. Over this lively scene, flying in the

sky above far hills, is a Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.

Georgie's son Edward, a student at the school, contributed several animals for inclusion and no doubt there are numerous other ex-students who can recall the particular contribution they made to this exciting project. At the time parents and students alike were reported to be thrilled by the resulting mural and it still arouses interest from visitors to Bowali some 15 years later. Warrandyte Primary School should celebrate its participation in the work. Don Saunders recently expressed his pleasure that the mural has been treasured and maintained during its life and remains fresh and exciting.

For those of us who knew or worked with Georgie it is pleasing to realise that her memory is not only enshrined in her work and this outstanding mural but that since 1999 Interpretation Australia has celebrated her life by awarding the Georgie Waterman Awards which recognise individuals who, like Georgie, have made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the development of the profession of interpretation in Australia. It is a lasting and fitting tribute to the life and work of this remarkable Warrandyte woman.



Georgie Saunders with a Kakadu local.

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the moon traversing the sky
with silent menace.

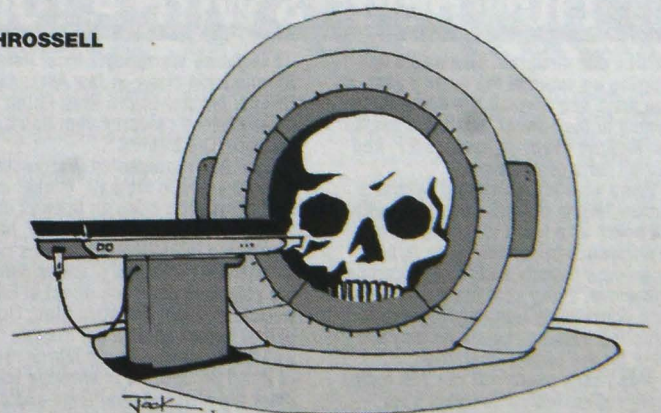
All over the world
at this very minute
there are the smiling minders
already in its thrall
softening up the willing
with their little signs and small talk.
They're laying the table
for the feast.

All over the world
at this very minute
there are many others
with their arms outstretched
baring their hearts
"Here I am—drink me."
These are the willing, waiting
as it ominously stops
beaming out its hot white light
sighing its silent poison.

All over the world
at this very minute
there are those who
whilst they understand
its breathing out
(these ones are willing—they call it "healing")
they know nothing of its inward breath
what precious essence sucked out
and to what end?

At this minute,
all over the world.
And still they come.

KAREN THROSSELL



Boom of the bike brigade

By SCOTT PODMORE

THE booming interest in mountain biking around Warrandyte and surrounds continues as about a dozen locals, and more from surrounding towns, recently competed in the Kona Odyssey Mountain Bike Marathon in the Otways.

The Kona Odyssey is the pinnacle mountain bike marathon in Australia with "challenging, scenic, fun and flowing mountain bike courses" across the three races contested on the day. Each race includes some of the best tracks in Australia, centred around the mountain biking Mecca of Forrest in the Great Otway National Park.

Since DM Cycles opened in the main street of Warrandyte about a year ago, owner Derek Martin says he has had a regular clientele who are avid mountain bikers. They are also "very competitive" with each other.

The Warrandyte riders wore the DM Cycles blue and silver Guernsey in the event in support of their local bike shop where all repairs are swiftly carried out and their bikes are safe and sound before tackling any rugged courses.

"The Kona is one of the strongest and hardest mountain bike races in Victoria and a few of our boys did really well, to be honest," Derek told the *Diary*. "It's a real ball-breaker, held in 37 degree heat and a lot of people pulled out but not our guys."

Warrandyte riders included Angus Rodwell, Brad McGown, Ross Snowball, Marty Rostron, Paul Haas, Lance Ward and Alex Carter who are "all pretty competitive amongst themselves, they don't really care whether they win the big event as long as they beat their fellow Warrandyte riders", according to Derek.

Mountain bike riding has taken on



in Warrandyte and district for good reason according to the local bike shop operator.

"As most of the locals know, Warrandyte and surrounds is perfect for mountain bike riding with heaps of trails on offer," he said.

"A lot of them ride from here to the edge of Sugar Loaf Dam and climb up into Smith's Gully and do a lot of trail riding from Watson's Creek through to Smith's Gully.

"Then training for big events they even go from Smith's Gully right through to King Lake and back on all the old fire roads."

Martin said mountain bike riding is the new golf: "There was a golf club near Red Hill and they approached their local mountain bike club about possibly including mountain bike course around the outside of the golf



Mountain men: Brad McGown on the fly in the Kona Odyssey Mountain Bike Marathon. Inset: Gus Rodwell.

course in a bid to get people back in there. So there's proof of the popularity in mountain bike riding."

Anyone interested in finding out

where the best local tracks are for mountain bike rides should pop into DM Cycles in Yarra St and Derek will be happy to assist.



Rising for the challenge: Team RunMFAO includes Georgie Jorgensen, Dee Dickson, Charissa May and Deb Moran. Below: Peter Sharpe of The BAMPS team.

LION-HEARTS WITH A TON OF COURAGE

WHILE our mountain bike riders are stirring up some of the earth's dust, so too are a few Warrandyte and district teams in the annual Oxfam Trailwalker Melbourne event on April 19-21, and it's all for a great cause.

Every year teams around Australia tackle 100km of Australian bush within 48 hours as a team of four, and make a difference by raising funds to help overcome poverty and injustice around the world. Every year there's at least one Warrandyte team undergoing a grueling training regime as they prepare for the mighty challenge.

This year's event will see 750 teams walk 100km within 48 hours from Wheelers Hill through the Dandenong Ranges National Park to Wesburn.

Long-time Warrandyte local Peter Sharpe joins sister-in-law Amanda Griggs, brother-in-law Matt Elliott and locally based celebrity chef Ben Cooper to form "The BAMPS".

Peter has represented Warrandyte for over 30 years in football, cricket and basketball, has been an Auskick coach, a Milo Have a Go cricket coach, has conducted football and athletics clinics at Warrandyte Primary, and is currently the voluntary coaching direct at East Doncaster Little Athletics Club. On top of that he has walked the Kokoda Track and the Sandakan Death March route in North Borneo. He is entering into another big physical challenge and once again is not just doing it for himself, but for others in need.

As are at least two other local four-somes. Team "RunMFAO" comprises road warriors Deanne Dickson, Charissa May, Debbie Moran and Georgie Jorgensen, who step it up a level and plan to run the entire course. Another team is "The Creekers" made up of local Andersons Creek Primary School mums Sally Ferguson, Anna Clarkson, Karina Vitiritti and Leanne Brew.

You can help any of the teams by donating at the teams' dedicated web page www.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker Any other local teams overlooked in this article are welcome to contact sports editor Scott Podmore at scott@octobergrey.com - he is planning to do a follow up report on the event.



Skippers: Erika and Jessica.

Netball captains chosen

THE netball season is here and the Warrandyte Netball Club has announced Jessica Dusting and Erika Dyason will represent the club as Junior (Jessica) and Senior (Erika) Club Captains.

"This is the first time that the Warrandyte Netball Club has appointed Club Captains, and these inspiring young women will be the face of the club in 2013," president Sue Rodwell said.

The girls' duties will include coaching, running training clinics, supporting the club's younger players, holding a position on the club committee and being at the Templestowe courts on a Saturday to support, mentor and encourage the 200 members of the Warrandyte Netball Club participating in the Doncaster and District Netball Competition.

"With the start of the winter season fast approaching (March 16), all the girls are in preseason training and are looking forward to seeing Erika and Jessica on a regular basis," Sue said.

Perfect pre-season

By MICHAEL DI PETTA

WITH about a month remaining until the 2013 EFL season kicks off, the Warrandyte Football Club faithful will be pleased to learn that new Bloods are fitting in superbly, with all the boys training exceptionally hard.

Furthermore, the club is hellbent on reaching new heights this season on the success front.

With an influx of fresh players joining the Bloods in 2013, coach John O'Brien is excited about the newcomers, revealing "five or six new players will get the chance to run out for the firsts early in the season".

One of the new recruits, Grant Klemm, will be getting plenty of

chances in the centre half-back slot, with Josh Eyre and a couple of other new names marked down to play as onballers, positions crucially important according to coach O'Brien.

"We are looking to use some of the new players on the ball, because this position was an issue for us last year, so hopefully it's somewhere we can improve this season", he says.

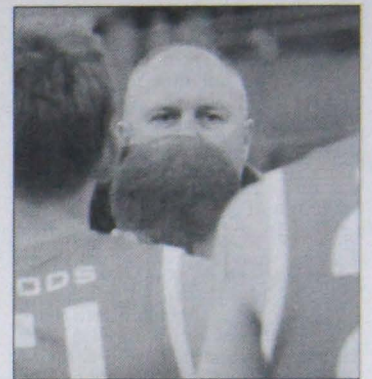
However, it's not only the new players who are raring and ready to go, as all reports from the training ground suggest the team has been extremely committed and look sharp as they get closer to the all-important first game.

"It's been an excellent effort all round from all the boys, everyone's

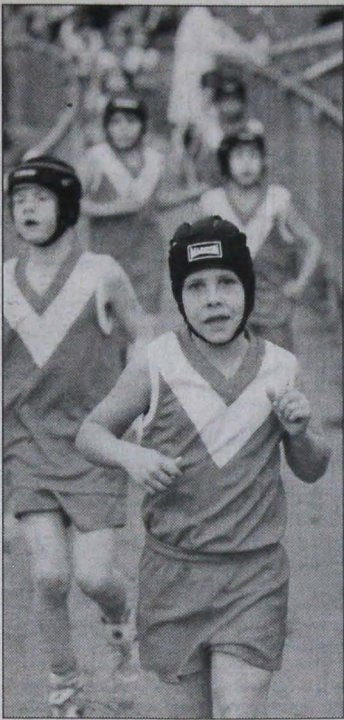
been training hard, and we are ahead of where we were this time last year," O'Brien says.

With Round 1 on Saturday, April 13, the Bloods have been scheduled to play their first game away at Chirnside Park. Warrandyte defeated its opponent both times last season in thrilling contests. Following this, Round 2 pits Warrandyte against newly promoted side The Basin, before the highly anticipated opening home game against Doncaster in Round 3.

Coach O'Brien has stressed the importance of starting the season on a positive note in order to give the club a foundation to build on for the rest of the year.



Bloods coach John O'Brien.



Prepare for junior Bloods footy fever

THE grass is greening up and the smell of footy fever is in the air as the Warrandyte Junior Football Club prepares for season 2013 with solid training sessions kicking in.

The club has announced its coaches for the year including Travis Reddaway (Tackers), Clint Wheatley (U10s), Owen Humphris (U11s), Carlos Castagna (U12s), Rohan Clark (U13s), Mark Trewella (U14s), James Yoffa (U15s), Steve Rowarth (Colts) and David Dodd (Youth Girls).

The club is desperate for new players in the Under 15s, so if there are any teenagers turning 15 this year and keen for a game they are urged to contact James on 0403 018 383. Training has commenced for the U15s at the small oval, Tarooma Ave, on Wednesdays at 6pm.

New players in other age groups are also welcome.

The WJFC committee also announced the appointment of two major sponsors for the Warrandyte Junior Football Club. The Warrandyte Community Bank and Quinton's Super IGA have both agreed to be joint major sponsors for seasons 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The first practice match day is Sunday, March 24, and the first game to kick off the season proper is Sunday, April 7.

For more information visit www.warrandytejfc.org or to check updates visit the WJFC Facebook page.

Auskickers ready to rumble in 2013

WARRANDYTE'S smallest footy warriors will be rushing about getting their gear sorted as Auskick is set to begin for season 2013.

"It's a great atmosphere down at the footy ground each weekend with loads of kids and their parents enjoying Auskick," co-ordinator Trent Ferguson told the *Diary*. "We're looking forward to everyone coming down and, most importantly, having some fun."

For anyone interested in Auskick this year an information and family day will take place on April 20 at Warrandyte Reserve.

All registrations are online only this year, at www.auskick.com.au - follow the links to register.

For further information call local co-ordinators Travis on 0434 609200 or Trent on 0488 206150.



Picture: STEPHEN REYNOLDS

RUNNERS ARE TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

MORE than 400 people took to the streets in the second annual Community Bank Run Warrandyte event last month and organisers say the run was another big success.

The fun run has increased in popularity with events offered for the whole family, including a challenging 12km event for the more serious runners.

The unique road course takes in views of the Yarra River, Warrandyte State Park and moves through undulating terrain.

Essentially a fundraiser for the Warrandyte Sporting Group (WSG) - that includes Warrandyte Football Club, Warrandyte Junior Football Club, Warrandyte Netball Club and Warrandyte Cricket Club - this year's event raised over \$4000 for the clubs.

Race director Robert Clark says the event would not be possible without the support of the whole community including businesses, residents, volunteers and participants.



"We are really pleased with the turnout this year," Clark told the *Diary*.

"And I can't thank our 50 volunteers, 22 sponsors and six committee members enough for making the day such a success.

"It was a real team effort. We listened to the feedback from 2012 and were able to implement some



very positive changes. We hope the fun run will continue to grow and develop into an iconic Warrandyte event for years to come."

In beautiful weather, the 12km runners were first off the mark and closely followed by the 8km, 4km and 2.25km runners. A new timing system was introduced and results are now available for all competitors at www.runwarrandyte.blogspot.com.au

On the day, the Warrandyte Junior Football Club had a successful registration day with the club picking up quite a few new players.

WJFC president Ross Snowball said: "It was a fantastic result and very pleasing to see so many Warrandyte people experiencing the run as well as many people from out of town. The financial outcome is great and should bode well for future years. I'd also like to take the opportunity on behalf of the local community to thank Rob and Jodi Clark on their fantastic efforts in organizing the Run Warrandyte annual event."

RESULTS

AusCrane Hire Services 12km - John Meagher, Damien Closs, Tim Beasley Eko-green Cleaning; 8km - Jordan Minter, Aaron Closs, Mitchell Wilson; Quinton's Supa IGA 4km - Kevin Bonnett, Tom Churchward, Laurence Phelan; Ruby Tuesday 2.25km - Emma Whitta, Liam Taylor, Joshua Churchward; and 26 children went for a gallop around the oval and were all voted winners by all at the event.

Little Aths kids burning up the track

THE Eastern Metropolitan Regional (EMR) Track and Field championships were held in late February at the Knox track.

This qualifying event determines who competes at the state championships in Bendigo in late March. Local athletes again performed well with Emily Sharpe from the Under 14s being the standout middle distance performer with a gold medal in the 800m and two silver medals in the 400m and the 1500m finals.

Nicole Reynolds was also a standout in the shorter events with a gold medal in the 80m hurdles Nicole also ran strongly to finish fourth in

both the 300m hurdles and the 200m sprint finals.

Other notable results were:

Under 10s athlete and Warrandyte netballer Ashlyn Krakouer achieved a fantastic fifth in the discus, 10th in the 70m and 10th in the 100m. Nick Sharpe ran a superb 400m final to come seventh, the same result he achieved in the triple jump before finishing 15th in the 200m.

The Under 12s saw Warrandyte Junior Football Club teammates Dominic Lee and Ben Munks both made finals in all their events. Dominic ran a superb 400m for a fifth place, he came seventh in the

200m and triple jump, while "Bullet" Ben threw the javelin for an eighth placing, notched another eighth in the high jump, ninth in the 800m and a 10th in the 60m hurdles.

With the summer season finishing at the end of this month, the winter cross country season will begin in late April. Competition is generally on Sunday mornings.

The summer competition is held on most Saturday mornings and some occasional Friday evenings at Reischieks Reserve. Each year there is a Handicap Day, Multi-event Day, Centre Championships at the end of the season as well as the opportunity

to compete at other club Open Days. There also are regional and state competitions, the Stawell Gift comps at Easter and intensive weekend coaching camps at Crystal Creek. When attaining certain competitive benchmarks, there is also the opportunity to participate in the LA Vic Junior Development Squads.

East Doncaster Little Athletics Club is proudly sponsored by the Warrandyte Community Bank and the parents of our little champs.

For more info contact secretary Margaret Kelly on 0447 693 561 or coaching director Peter Sharpe on 0413 777 107.

Bloods Third XI sneak in

Under 16s finals bound

By RYAN HOIBERG

WARRANTYTE will have one team playing in the RDCA finals this year, with the Third XI senior team making the cut after finishing fourth in the Don Smith Shield.

Warrandyte's other three senior teams were unable to make the finals, however, the First XI will remain in the Bill Wilkins Cup, avoiding relegation and giving the club another season in the highly competitive grade.

This comes after a tough fight during the season, winning only one game after their first two wins. The significant factor for the team for the year had been issues taking important wickets, highlighted by having the most runs scored against them in the competition. Warrandyte

essentially limped into the end of the season, however, it took advantage of the opportunity to blood fresh talent, with a pool of younger members in the squad getting some great game experience in the heat of battle.

In the latest matches, Warrandyte was unable to chase strong targets set by the opposition, with regular loss of wickets costing the team in both games. A fighting 128-run partnership between Adam White and Ben Taylor put the team in a strong position chasing Lilydale's 322 after Mitchell Gaffney and David Mooney had done the main work with the ball in claiming three wickets each the weekend before.

White backed up well with the bat, too, putting Warrandyte into a strong position, however, the Bloods were

unable to find many runs from their other batsman.

The latest round saw Warrandyte crumble again with the bat to be all out for 110 after struggling to finish off Croydon Ranges the week before in the field when Tim Baker claimed his first scalp in the top grade.

In the lower grades, the Second XI finished off a disappointing year on a good note by defeating Croydon Ranges on the back of skipper Stewart Smead's top knock of 94.

As mentioned, the Third XI will be playing finals, but they hit a small bump in the last round when ladder leaders St Andrews pounded out 487 runs and fell 180 short in their chase.

The Fourth XI was able to scrap out a win to finish off the year with

Rakesh Khatri finishing off a strong season with the bat.

Hawks avoid relegation

Meanwhile, the South Warrandyte Hawks Trollope Shield team was relegated, and at the time the Diary went to print the Second XI was playing at home in an elimination final, the Fourths were playing a home qualifying final at opposition Mooroolbark's main ground, the Fifts were playing away at Lilydale, and the U16-2 and U14-2 teams were likely to play finals and the Masters 1 team was beaten by one run in a final.

In other club news, the Hawks' Trivia Night held recently was "a success", according to club members and the Presentation Night will be held on Saturday, April 13.

WARRANTYTE Cricket Club U16s secured third place on the ladder to qualify for finals after an impressive win over North Ringwood recently. The Bloods bowled their opponents out for 131 after scoring 6/187.

At the first break, North Ringwood only trailed by nine runs, however, Warrandyte bowled a tight spell which followed with some dominant batting to reach their total with 15 overs in hand.

Battings honours were shared around with Jack Poole finding some form with 53 retired not out, with both Joel Bumpstead (62) and Darcy Poole (13) also retiring not out. Will Coard and Aaron Closs made eight runs each, while Hugh Prescott, Mark Baker, Ben Sproat, Ryley Reardon, John Stanley and Luke Killey all contributed to the total.

Fielding was outstanding with both Reardon and Coard having direct hits for two runs outs.

Luke Killey led the way with the bowling taking 3/6 off nine overs, including four maidens. John Stanley and Mark Baker both had impressive spells taking a wicket each and giving away less than two runs an over. Ryley Reardon, Ben Sproat and Darcy Poole also picked up valuable wickets.

At the time the Diary went to press, Warrandyte was leading South Croydon 1/93 to 3/54 in the last round of the home and away season and confident heading into the finals.

Cam still a world-class motorbike champ

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

LAST time the *Diary* spoke with motorbike champion Cameron Donald, he said racing would still be a big part of his future.

One year on, this Warrandyte success story is still doing what he loves and he is still recording strong results on the international arena.

Cameron had a great start to 2013, winning the Phil Irving Trophy at Phillip Island during January's long weekend. Phil Irving was a famous motorcycle and motoring engineer, who coincidentally also lived in Warrandyte.

Cameron said it was a fantastic way to start the year and that he was proud of his achievement.

"It's quite competitive and top ex-professional world championship level riders from all across the world compete there so it was still an achievement and a great way to start the year," he said.

Cameron also said Phil Irving's widow presented him with the trophy.

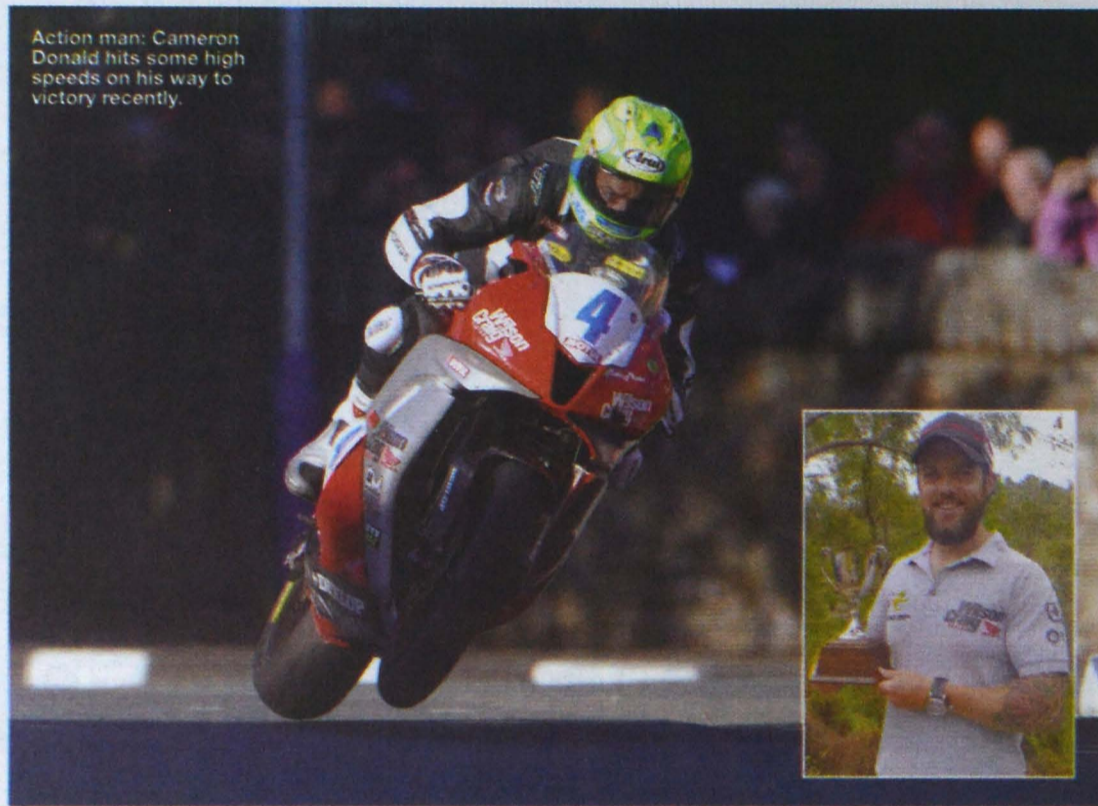
"That was very special, especially because he was from Warrandyte. I've always thought it would be nice to get the Phil Irving trophy."

Cameron has been riding since he was six and began racing professionally overseas full time since 2006. He said 2012 was a successful year, which saw him travel throughout Europe, Japan and the UK with the sport.

Some of the year's highlights include coming fourth with the Honda TT Legends in the World Endurance Championships in France and scoring two podiums at the North West 200 in Northern Ireland.

He also scored three second places at the Isle Of Man TT, after previously winning it in 2008.

The Isle of Man is considered one of the world's most prestigious and dangerous motorcycle races, held annually on an island



Action man: Cameron Donald hits some high speeds on his way to victory recently.

in the middle of the Irish Sea.

"I was a little disappointed I didn't get another win, but in one of the races I missed out on a win by .7 of a second so I'm still very proud because that was the closest finish in history at that event!"

He also recently got engaged to his girlfriend Karen, who shares his passion for motorcycles.

"She loves the bikes and the racing and she really enjoys herself - I think sometimes she even gets a little bit jealous!" he said.

"She's been great with supporting me and travelling with me the last couple of years and she made

me miss home a little bit less."

As for the year ahead, he plans to cut down on his overseas travelling a bit and spend some more time at home in Warrandyte, where he said family and friends had been really supportive of his racing career.

He plans to return to the Isle of Man as well as some other international races and record some more strong results.

While as a child he always dreamed of making a living out of racing motorbikes, Cameron said he never imagined he would actually make a career out of his

passion.

He credits his racing success to never giving up and not being put off by injuries and setbacks along the way.

"I believe with everything in life you only get out what you put in. So with my racing there's a lot of dedication and a lot of sacrifice that people don't see," he said.

"Like any professional sportsperson, I spend hours training, hours away from my family and there is a lot of injuries to deal with, but I guess when you get a win like the Phil Irving trophy it makes it all worthwhile!"



Under 12s run rampant

MEANWHILE, Round 7 saw the Under 12 young Bloods up against the Norsemen, who won the toss and opted to bowl - a decision they would later regret.

Warrandyte compiled a season top 3/116 and leaked 4/106 to Norwood in the first week. The bowling and fielding were way below the high standards the team had set throughout the year, something they were determined to rectify the second week. Norwood could only add another 48 runs off 20 overs from a fired up Bloods outfit to finish with a respectable 154 off 43 overs.

However, the batting clicked with Bailey Bowyer scoring a classy 41 not out (and 2/14 with the ball), Ben Jackson scored a crunching unbeaten 36 (and 2/12) and Hudson Rostron notched up 36 and took a catch. Patrick Grocott hit a resolute 35 (and nailed one stumping) and Tom McKenzie chipped in with a cameo 17 (and 2/15) leading Warrandyte to 9/234 and a rampant win.

In Round 8, top team Lilydale visited the Bloods' Cauldron and the home team again lost the toss and was asked to bat.

The boys were patient against some good bowling and at the halfway mark had made a very good 4/100. A big effort was required by the Bloods to keep the Lilydale batsmen under that score to ensure a valuable two points that would lock in a finals appearance.

Max Coutts and Tom Jackson (two catches) were dynamite in the field, with spearhead Ben Jackson (2/13) scattering the opener's stumps second ball and had the batsmen jumping all over the place. The boys restricted Lilydale to 2/94.

Final scores were 5/185 to 167, so the Bloods fell short by 18 runs. Bailey Bowyer continued his white-hot form with 38 not out, Brady Poole scored a solid 19, Harper Oehlmann a swashbuckling 18 and Ethan Ward chipped in for 2/14 with the ball.

The Bloods were heading into the finals knowing they were not far off the mark when it came to locking horns with the best in the comp.

Open Day success at Warrandyte Tennis

By MICHELLE PINI

Tennis is booming in Warrandyte and there was no clearer indication than at this year's WTC Open Day. There were about 70 kids (and almost as many parents) out on court participating in Hot Shots Challenges, Radar Speed Serve and Target Hitting. There were lots of medals awarded and it was particularly encouraging to see so many parents willing to get on court with the kids. Everyone had a terrific time and activities concluded with a relaxed BBQ and refreshments.

Local schools are Hot Shots too

In a new initiative from Tennis Australia, Anderson Creek, Warrandyte and Milgate primary schools will be giving all their students a chance to experience Hot Shots tennis.

The program will run in association with WTC's the Tennis Guru and Tennis Australia, with fantastic benefits to the participating schools



All action: Hot Shot Tennis is all the rage at Warrandyte Primary School.

including:

- MLC Tennis Hot Shots T-shirt and gift for each student who participates.
- Chance to win a Kids on Court experience at the Australian Open.
- Assistance with the School Tennis Program from the Tennis Guru.
- MLC Tennis Hot Shots equip-

ment pack for each school valued at \$1500.

Activities at Warrandyte Festival WTC will be showcasing tennis at the Warrandyte Festival this year with all-day free events. There will be four Hot Shot mini courts as well as a Radar Speed Serve Competition.

Also on offer is a \$1000 Spot the

Ball contest in which entrants can scrutinise an action photo to guess where the ball might be at a cost of \$2, as well as second-hand tennis balls at 50c each or a \$10 Dog-lover's 20-pack with free ball thrower.

Supersmashers returns

The much anticipated Supersmashers program is back. The club is pleased to offer this unique opportunity exclusively to young children in the greater Warrandyte area. Designed for kids with little or no previous tennis experience, it is ideal for skills development and confidence building. Running from May 5 to June 2, every child on the program receives a free Smashpak including tennis racquet, tennis bag, cap, T-shirt, modified ball and more.

For more info contact the Tennis Guru on info@thetennisguru.com.au or 0488 722 538. For inquiries about Supersmashers contact Michelle Gilling on 9844 2025 or 0447760012.

Meet Venom's gun recruit



By TONY OLIVER

WARRANDYTE Venom welcomes guard Stefany Thomas to the club for the coming season and is looking forward to the talented playmaker enjoying life down by the Yarra with the 'Gardiner McInnes' Senior Women.

The Clemson University (NCAA Div 1) graduate hails from Tampa Bay, Florida, and boasts a college career that netted more than 1000 points and a high school career that yielded over 2500 points. The 23-year old has also represented Argentina at various world events, including the 2007

U19 World Championships where she was the second top scorer at the event with 19.4 points per game. Thomas also played at the 2008 FIBA Olympic Qualifiers and the 2011 FIBA Americas Championships.

Recently enjoying a standout season in Norway as the league's leading scorer, Thomas said she was looking forward to coming to Australia.

"I am very excited and blessed to be part of the Warrandyte Venom organization this upcoming season," Thomas said. "I am looking forward to playing in Australia, as I've heard

nothing but good things about the people, and the beautiful country. I think this will be a great opportunity to grow as a player, person and to compete for a Championship."

Venom coach Justin Nelson believes Thomas will fit perfectly with his young squad and apart from playing basketball will also enjoy her time seeing some of the fantastic places Melbourne has to offer.

"Stefany has a great basketball pedigree, but more importantly she has been terrific to communicate with and has obviously had a great up-bringing. I have no doubt she will

fit in with our team and enjoy the opportunity to come and see our country," Nelson said.

"Clemson is a highly-ranked school and given Stefany's experience at international level as well, she comes as a hardened player who will easily adapt to our style of basketball.

"As a club we remain one of the youngest in the Big V, so it is exciting that we are getting to the stage where we can spread our wings and welcome quality people like Stefany. Our junior girls are excited and looking forward to coming along and watching her play."

GIRL POWER AT WARRANDYTE BASKETBALL

Venom ready to strike

MARCH signals the start of the 2013 Big V season and at the forefront of Warrandyte Venom's plans is to contend for a championship with all four teams earmarked for success.

The senior men and women have been bolstered by the arrival of American imports James Hicks and Stefany Thomas, while the youth teams continue to look further developed and ready for action.

Following another strong pre-season on the court, the season tips off at Warrandyte Sports Complex this Sunday, March 17, with the 'Eastside Mitsubishi' Youth Men up against Corio Bay at 1pm, followed by the 'Wilson Security' Senior Men at 3pm against Latrobe City. The Venom men's teams will also be in action a week later on Saturday, March 23.

General Manager Justin Nelson is confident Warrandyte will have plenty to celebrate this year.

"It's a building process, but over the last seven years we have become a strong and vibrant club in the State's top division of senior basketball," said Nelson.

"It's also about developing local players. Last season we had 52 current or former Warrandyte junior basketballers play in the senior program. That's an amazing result that many other clubs would be envious of.

"Of our 21 players this season across our two women's teams, we have 16 that are current or former juniors at the club. All the kids running around in the Redbacks and Venom programs is a clear sign that we want our local players to make the highest levels," added Nelson.

For all the latest team news and the full fixture for the 2013 Big V season, visit www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au

Solid wins in practice games

IN recent practice games both women's teams scored solid wins over the visiting Waverley in their last hit-outs before the March Labour Day tournament.

Youth League coach Nicole Howard was upbeat, saying: "The team is settling in well with a good understanding. It is good to welcome back Mollie Booth after a 12 month absence and her on-court presence will be good."

The Venom girls are starting to carve out a reputation for speed around the court.

Several Youth League girls backed up for the senior game against Waverley. This was another fast-paced game with Waverley closing the gap to four points late in the game. The Venom steadied to record the win.

Friday night basketball

WITH the completion of the grading phase for the junior Victorian Championship grades, the VC season got underway with Warrandyte Venom's Under 14 Boys taking on the more fancied Kilsyth at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

Opening points went to the Venom's Tyler Robertson but Kilsyth quickly replied. A half-time lead to the Venom of 30-23 was reward for

Pictures: GARETH DICKSON and ROSS SNOWBALL



strong defence and good offence.

Warrandyte fired early in the second half and the lead stretched to 12 points. Somehow, however, the complexion of the game changed with Kilsyth coming back and the Venom seemingly flustered. Kilsyth closed the gap to a single point at the final interval.

Defence was tight from both sides but with just under 90 seconds to go, Kilsyth had established a three-point lead and was able to maintain possession and run the clock down to record a 47-46 win.

In a strong display, Zac Price top scored with 23 with support from Tyler Robertson (8), Matthew Baynon

(7) and Brent Gaudion (6).

The Under 20 grading phase works to a later timetable and both Venom Under 20 sides are in a play-off with a win leading to VC representation.

Saturday basketball

THE semi finals of the Saturday basketball got underway before the Labour Day weekend with Warrandyte Redbacks again well represented across several grades.

The Under 16 A Boys is fast becoming Warrandyte's own with both sides in the major semi-final wearing Redback logos.

Ryan Holloway's boys started on fire with a pair of successive three

points shots from Zac Ratcliffe and Astan Ure. The game appeared all over at the long break with a 22-9 gap in the scores.

Beau Bentley was coaching the other side and his charges narrowed the gap to six points late in the game but some steady points from the free throw line to Chris Bolland and Zac Ratcliffe were enough to close out the game.

For the winners, Astan Ure top scored with 14 (four from outside the circle) with 9 from Zac Ratcliffe.

Zac Stevenson with 12, brother Max with 7 and Justin Ronan Black with 6 were the main contributors for the losers.

In the Under 18 A Boys, Matt Lane's charges will have to win via the preliminary final if they want to reverse the semi-final result against Eltham.

The semi-final started at a hectic pace that continued for the full game.

Warrandyte started well but Eltham grabbed the lead on the break with the last shot in the final seconds.

Eltham came out more strongly in the second half and soon established a comfortable lead to win the game 46-34. Scoring for Warrandyte was well shared with 7 to Jack Cousens and 6 to Tim Apostilides and David Baynon.

If the results of the preliminary final go the right way, Warrandyte is guaranteed of taking the Under 12 B flag.

The top team, coached by Dale Leeson, outlasted a challenging Bulleen side with a score of 27-21 after the scores were locked at 21-all with two and a half minutes remaining on the clock. Six points each to Kyle Appleby, Thomas Mortimer and Benjamin Vermeulen Brown were the main contributors that ensured the Warrandyte side had the extra week off.

The second semi-final pitted Danny Black's Warrandyte side against Ivanhoe and the Redbacks came away with a strong 30-19 win, despite a mid second half quiet patch. Connor Morphett with 12 was helped on the scoreboard by Leo Garrick with 6.

For the girls, Daisy Cousens' Under 12 girls had a good win over Eltham by 25-12. Eltham came back in the second half but Warrandyte closed it out. Caitlin De Boer top scored with 11 with 6 from Jessica Sholakis and 4 from Elyshia Sproule-Carroll.

Scoretable top guns

DAVID Booth, leader of the Warrandyte Scoretable, has had a very successful 12 months where he gained his Level 4 Accreditation. To cap it off, David was announced as joint Scoretable Official of the Year at the recent Victorian Scoretable Association AGM. David has been instrumental in setting up the Scoretable for Warrandyte's Big V teams, and has followed the expansion from one team in 2007 to the current four teams. In other news, Julianne van Veenderdaal and Aida Draper were upgraded to Level 3 while Chris Dodds achieved his Level 2 qualification.

Rego is now open

WANT to play junior basketball this winter? Registrations are now open for boys and girls aged between seven and 19 for the coming Redbacks season. All training sessions are midweek and either at Andersons Creek Primary School or Warrandyte Secondary College. Warrandyte Basketball is a progressive, family-friendly club with more than 1,000 active weekly participants.

If you would like to know more contact the club at gm@warrandytebasketball.net.au or visit www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au.

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Home With a Heart!

"Serendip" on approx 6357m2 private serene expansive bushland views. Original owners designed the double brick home to reflect the warmth of cedar beams, brick walls, slate flooring and leadlight windows creating individuality, uniqueness and charm. Generous lounge warmed by an OFF (zoned slab heating), dining room, kitchen-meals-family room, zoned, main robed BR, character-laden ensuite, light-filled bathroom. Delightful northerly alfresco under pergola, double carport, 2 car spaces.



WARRANDYTE

This Property is Priced to Sell

A family home in a prized location, walking distance to Goldfields, kindergarten, primary school, the Yarra Trail and public transport. A smart buyer will snap up this 4BR, 2 bathroom home including renovated kitchen, ducted heating and hydronic floor heating, PIRB and a/c. Two living areas separated by a walkway gallery offers perfect family zoning giving parents and kids their own space. At the rear, relax in the family rumpus room with cathedral ceilings, master (ensuite and WIR). Plenty of room for pets and vegie gardens with a shady summer courtyard.



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Tapestry of Colour and Character!

Combination of colour, character, privacy and a peaceful setting. Comprising music gallery, living-dining room, family room, study, character-laden kitchen, zoned master (WIR, charming bathroom), second bathroom, OFF, woodheaters, quality ducted split system air conditioning, heating and Eco Quantum heat pump HWWS, alfresco deck, solar panels, water tanks.



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Accent On Acre Serenity

Acre lifestyle promises and delivers tranquility, useable well looked after acre backing onto the river. Offering OFF, GDH, split system r/c a/c. Kitchen adjoins spacious dining and living room – sliding door opens onto wide entertaining deck/restful outlook.



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Phone Jenni on 0401 963 583 to arrange a visit to a meeting of the club.

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